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SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1953

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MILFORD, MASS.

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

C. Victor Pepper, Term expires 1954
George W. Lunt, Term expires 1955
Asa A. Westcott, Term expires 1956

Board of Public Welfare,

Board of Health and Fence Viewers

C. Victor Pepper George W. Lunt
Asa A. Westcott

Town Clerk

*Clarence E. Arnold

Treasurer

Alfred A. Lovejoy, Jr.

Tax Collector

Shirley E. Holmes

Assessors

Irvin G. Ammen, Term expires 1954
Raymond Smethurst, Term expires 1955
George W. Lunt, Term expires 1956

School Committee

Hamilton W. Thayer, Term expires 1954
John W. Hutchinson, Term expires 1955
Frances P. Horton, Term expires 1956

*Resigned May 31, 1953—Mortimer C. Dennett appointed to fill vacancy until March 1, 1954 election.

Trustees of Public Library

JB Hollis Tegarden, Term expires 1954
Harry A. Billings, Term expires 1955
Henry Billings, 2nd, Term expires 1956

Road Commissioners

Raymond Smethurst, Term expires 1954
*B. H. Bristow Draper, Jr., Term expires 1955
Harry A. Billings, Term expires 1956

Park Commissioners

L. Marshall Newell, Term expires 1954
Thomas H. West, Term expires 1955
Warren D. Arnold, Term expires 1956

Commissioners of Trust Funds

Eben S. Draper, Term expires 1954
Charles F. Butterworth, Term expires 1955
William K. Child, Term expires 1956

Constables

Asa A. Westcott
W. Chester Sanborn
Albert E. Bonin
Thomas F. Malloy
George D. Ardill

Tree Warden

W. Chester Sanborn

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Clerk of Selectmen

George W. Lunt

*Resigned May 31, 1953—Robert B. Donley appointed to fill vacancy until March 1, 1954 election.

Accounting Officer

MILLARD A. LOVEJOY

Finance Committee

CLAUDE F. SNIDER, Term expires 1954
*B. H. BRISTOW DRAPER, JR., Term expires 1954
ALFRED A. LOVEJOY, JR., Term expires 1954
EBEN S. DRAPER, Term expires 1955
HAMILTON W. THAYER, Term expires 1955
C. VICTOR PEPPER, Term expires 1955
CHARLES F. BUTTERWORTH, Term expires 1956
HARRY A. BILLINGS, Term expires 1956
GEORGE W. LUNT, Term expires 1956

Engineers of Fire Department

CHARLES WATSON, Chief
JOSEPH J. GRANT, Deputy Chief
◆MILTON F. DOXEY, Deputy Chief

Forest Fire Warden

CHARLES WATSON

Police Officers

Chief, THOMAS F. MALLOY

CARL S. ANDERSON
GEORGE D. ARDILL
ARCHIBALD E. BECK
ALBERT E. BONIN
F. WILDER TEMPLE
JOSEPH A. MORAN
JOHN A. DAWE
CHARLES H. DILLON

*Resigned May 31, 1953– James Richardson appointed to fill vacancy until March 1, 1954 election.

◆Died September 18, 1953–Arnold F. Nealley appointed to fill vacancy September 24, 1953.

Henry Bracci
Peter B. Carron
Harvey Pleau
Carl F. Hoberg
Charles V. Pepper
Frederick M. Magee
Frederick L. Knox
Arthur B. Hall, Jr.
Edgar H. Hall, Jr.
Frank V. Perry
Alson M. Papineau
Herbert A. Pickard
William S. Rafter
George W. Lunt
Arthur E. Pennington
Chester W. Cox
B. H. Bristow Draper
James Mohan
Earl C. Spear
Charles A. Gaffney
Madison H. Goff

W. C. Sanborn
Clarence J. Sunderland
Charles A. Watson
Asa A. Westcott
Roy E. Westcott
George Wilson
J. Fred Woolhiser

Dog Officer

W. Chester Sanborn

Registrars of Voters

John J. Creamer, Term expires 1954
Clarence E. Arnold, Clerk
*Walter E. Burke, Term expires 1955
Charles A. Forster, Term expires 1956

Lock-up Keeper

Thomas F. Malloy

Superintendent of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Extension

W. Chester Sanborn

*Died October 24, 1953—Edgar J. Markham appointed to fill vacancy December 23, 1953.

Measurers of Lumber

Arthur Midgley
Charles Sawler
John R. Bell
Walter Brooks

Measurers of Wood and Bark

Edgar H. Hall
Roy E. Westcott
Asa A. Westcott
Ronald C. Taylor
M. Russell Dennett

Public Weighers

Michael Marseglia
Eldon H. Barrows
M. Russell Dennett
Joseph H. Grant
John Clark
Ronald C. Taylor
Joseph Rosenfeld
Edgar H. Hall, Jr.
Irving Janock
Francis E. Kennelly
Mildred Irving
Harry Rosenfeld
Edward C. Kirby
Winifred R. Kelley

Weighers of Coal

Ronald C. Taylor
Edgar H. Hall, Jr.
Mildred Irving
M. Russell Dennett
Winifred R. Kelley

Water Department

C. Victor Pepper
George W. Lunt
Asa A. Westcott

Field Drivers

C. Henry Knights
Norman S. Henry
Asa A. Westcott

Inspector of Wires

Frank V. Perry

Inspector of Animals

W. Chester Sanborn

Inspector of Slaughtering

W. Chester Sanborn

Sealer of Weights and Measures

W. Chester Sanborn

Town Counsel

Rodney C. Southworth

Director of Veterans' Services

W. Harris Scott

Welfare

Social Worker

Eunice T. Goodwin

Health Officer

John R. Cicchetti, M.D.

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors and Agent to See Veterans' Graves are Suitably Kept and Cared For

Napier Scribner

Agent of Board of Health to Sign Burial Permits

*Clarence E. Arnold
Frances W. Bessey

APPOINTED BY ASSESSORS

Assistant Assessors

Alta L. Lunt

Elsie A. Thatcher

*Resigned May 31, 1953—Mortimer C. Dennett appointed to fill vacancy June 1, 1953.

APPOINTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Superintendent of Schools

Donald S. Dow

Attendance Officers

W. Chester Sanborn

Thomas F. Malloy

George D. Ardill

School Physician

•Eugene Allen

School Nurse

Grace V. Moran, R.N.

APPOINTED BY REGISTRARS

Assistant Registrar

Gladys B. Holmes

Clara E. Soderberg

APPOINTED BY PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Librarian

◆Rachel C. Day

Assistant Librarian

Marjorie E. Hattersley

•Resigned October 31, 1953—John T. Pollard, Jr., M.D. appointed to fill vacancy November 1, 1953.

◆Retired September 30, 1953—Irene H. Ferguson appointed to fill vacancy October 1, 1953.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town Records

1953

Hopedale, February 4, 1953

Selectmen C. Victor Pepper and George W. Lunt, Deputy Sheriff Napier Scribner and Town Clerk Clarence E. Arnold met this day at 2:30 P.M. and Selectmen Lunt drew from the Juror Box the name of Robert W. Donavan, Shop Accountant of 184 Dutcher Street to serve as Traverse Juror at our Superior Court to be holden at Worcester for the transaction of Civil Business on Monday, March 2, 1953 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.
Attest:

CLARENCE E. ARNOLD,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.
To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said County,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, the second day of March next, punctually at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon (the polls may be closed at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on said day of meeting), to act upon the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing, including the following officers: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, one Selectman for three years, one Road Commissioner for three years, one Assessor for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, five Constables, one Library Trustee for three years, one Park Commssioner for three years, Tree Warden, and one member of the Board of Commissioners of Trust Funds for three years.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Engineers of the Fire Department, and any other officers and committees of said Town.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate or appropriate from any surplus or available funds in the treasury, such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1954, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954.

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars ($300) toward defraying the expense of Memorial Day.

Article 8. To see what disposition the Town will make of money refunded from the county on account of the dog tax.

Article 9. To see what salary and compensation the Town will allow each elected Town Officer for his services.

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Insect Pest Control.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money from overlay surplus reserves to a Reserve Fund.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept and allow the laying out of a town way to be known as McVitty Road, said way beginning at a point on Green Street opposite the southerly terminal of Hopedale Street and running southerly and then westerly to the easterly side of said Green Street, over land now comprising and coinciding with the present private way known as McVitty Road, as reported by the Road Commissioners, to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to defray the cost thereof, and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain or otherwise the land for said way and to appropriate from any available funds a sum of money to pay such damages therefor as may be assessed, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Director of Accounts for an audit of the town accounts and for the installation of an accounting system in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, section 35, General Laws, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended for a revaluation of all taxable real property and locally taxable public utility systems therein, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the making of an engineering survey and architects' plans for a new grade school and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to defray the cost of such engineering and architects' services.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to provide for the appointment or election of a school building needs committee which committee is to have supervision of expenditure of funds appropriated and is to make a study and bring in their recommendation at a future town meeting.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the improvement of William Street, Chapter 90 Construction, said money to be used with money allotted by the State and County for said purpose and to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to enter into any contracts or agreements in regard to said improvements or construction, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the maintenance of Mendon Street, Chapter 90 Construction, said money to be used with money alloted by the State and County for said purpose and to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to enter into any contracts or agreements in regard to said maintenance, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said Town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, this 21st Day of February, A. D., 1953.

C. VICTOR PEPPER,
ASA A. WESTCOTT,
GEORGE W. LUNT,
Selectmen of Hopedale

Attest:

THOMAS F. MALLOY,
Constable of Hopedale

Hopedale, March 3, 1953

I have complied with the requirements of this Warrant by posting attested copies in four public places in said Town seven days before the time of said meeting.

THOMAS F. MALLOY
Constable of Hopedale.

A true copy of the Warrant and doings thereon.

CLARENCE E. ARNOLD
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1953

Pursuant to Warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, met in Town Hall, and punctually at nine o'clock in the forenoon, were called to order by the Clerk of said Town, who read the Warrant and under:

Article 1. Mr. George W. Lunt was chosen Moderator with the use of the check list.

Article 2. Voted: Unanimously, that the Town proceed to vote for all the necessary Town Officers by ballot, all upon one ballot, namely: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, one Assessor for three years, one Selectman for three years, one Road Commissioner for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, five Constables, one Library Trustee for three years, one Park Commisssioner for three years, Tree Warden, and one member of the Board of Commissioners of Trust Funds for three years.

Article 3. Voted: Unanimously that the reports of the Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Engineers of the Fire Department, and any other officers and committees of said Town be accepted as printed.

The report of the Finance Committee for this meeting was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE
HOPEDALE TOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Moderator:

At a meeting of the Hopedale Town Finance Committee held Wednesday, February 11, 1953, the question of appropriations to be considered at the Town Meeting to be held Monday, March 2, 1953 was presented.

Mr. A. A. Lovejoy, Jr., Secretary of the Hopedale Town Finance Committee was instructed to present to the Town Meeting the following recommendations:—

Fire Department

General, Maintenance and Equipment	$38,000.00
Brush Fires	1,000.00

Hydrants	200.00
Fire Alarm System	800.00
Hose	600.00
Department of Public Welfare	7,000.00
(Plus income received from Welfare Department Trust Funds)	
Administration Expense in connection with Public Welfare including salary of Clerk	600.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00
Administration Expense in connection with aid to Dependent Children	100.00
Old Age Assistance	20,000.00
Administration Expense in connection with Old Age Assistance, including salary of Clerk	2,200.00
School Department	
General, Maintenance and Equipment	157,550.00
Vocational School Tuition	6,500.00
(To be under the Supervision of the School Department)	
Special repairs to High School, Dutcher Street and Park Street Schools	30,000.00
(It is the recommendation of the Committee that this amount be appropriated from any funds available in the hands of the Town Treasurer.)	
School Lunches	$1,500.00
(Plus receipts for School Lunches)	
Engineering and Architectural Services for new Grade School Building	15,000.00
(This is referred to in Article 17 of the Town Warrant)	

(It is the recommendation of the Committee that this amount be appropriated from any funds available in the hands of the Town Treasurer.

Library Department

General, Maintenance and Equipment	6,500.00

(Plus money received from the Dog Tax, namely $571.69 and as referred to in Article 8 in the Town Warrant. Also, interest received from Libarary Trust Funds)

Highway Department

General, Maintenance and Equipment	56,500.00

(This amount to include new sidewalks and repairs of old sidewalks, the laying out of McVitty Road as referred to in Article 14 of the Town Warrant, the suppression of insect pests as referred to in Article 11 and Dutch Elm disease as referred to in Article 12 of the Town Warrant)

Park Department

General, Maintenance and Equipment	14,000.00

(Plus income received from Park Department Trust Funds.)

Water Department

General, Maintenance and Equipment, including principal and interest on bonds	47,000.00

Incidental Department

Salaries-Elected Town Officials	2,900.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Accounting Officer	400.00
General Administrative	6,500.00

Street Lights		6,600.00
Town Hall		5,000.00
Police		19,000.00
Board of Health		1,000.00
Insurance		6,000.00
Honor Roll		100.00
Cemetery		200.00
(Plus income received from Cemetery Trust Funds)		
Veterans Relief		3,000.00
Interest on Borrowed Money		1,000.00
Memorial Day		300.00
(This is referred to in Article 7 of the Town Warrant		
the appropriation being divided as follows:		
World Wars 1 and 2	$260.00	
Spanish War	40.00	
Revaluation of All Taxable Real Property and Local Taxable Public Utility Systems, as referred to in Article 16 of the Town Warrant		6,200.00
(It is the recommendation of the Committee that $5,000.00 of this amount be appropriated from any funds available in the hands of the Town Treasurer.)		
Improvement of William Street, Chapter 90, as referred to in Article 19 of the Town Warrant		50.00
Chapter 90, Mendon Street Maintenance as referred to in Article 20 of the Town Warrant		200.00
Reserve Fund from Overlay Surplus		3,000.00
Referred to in Article 13 of the Town Warrant		

A. A. LOVEJOY, JR.
Secretary of the Hopedale
Town Finance Committee.

Voted: Unanimously, that the Town accept the report of the Finance Committee as read by Mr. A. A. Lovejoy, Jr., the Secretary of said Committee and to act upon same item by item.

Article 4. Acting upon the foregoing report of the Hopedale Finance Committee it was:

Voted: Unanimously, that the Town raise and appropriate sums as follows:

Fire Department

General, Maintenance and Equipment	$38,000.00
Brush Fires	1,000.00
Hydrants	200.00
Fire Alarm System	800.00
Hose	600.00

Department of Public Welfare	7,000.00
(Plus income received from Welfare Department Trust Funds)	
Administration Expense in connection with Public Welfare including salary of Clerk	600.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00
Administration Expense in connection with Aid to Dependent Children	100.00
Old Age Assistance	20,000.00
Administration Expense in connection with Old Age Assistance, including salary of Clerk	2,200.00

School Department

General, Maintenance and Equipment	157,550.00
Vocational School Tuition	6,500.00
(To be under the supervision of the School Department.)	
Special repairs to High School, Dutcher Street and Park Street Schools	30,000.00

(Voted: Unanimously, that this amount be ap-

propriated from any funds available in the hands of the Town Treasurer).

School Lunches 1,500.00
(Plus receipts for School Lunches).

Engineering and Architectural Services for new Grade School Building. (To be acted upon in Article 17 of the Town Warrant).

Library Department

General, Maintenance and Equipment 6,500.00
(Plus money received from the Dog Tax, namely, $571.69 and as referred to in Article 8, in the Town Warrant. Also, interest received from Library Trust Funds).

Highway Department

General, Maintenance and Equipment 56,500.00
(This amount to include new sidewalks and repairs of old sidewalks, the laying out of McVitty Road as referred to in Article 14 of the Town Warrant, the suppression of insect pests as referred to in Article 11 of the Town Warrant ($1,000.00) and Dutch Elm disease as referred to in Article 12 of the Town Warrant ($1,500.00)

Park Department

General, Maintenance and Equipment $14,000.00
(Plus income received from Park Department Trust Funds).

Water Department

General, Maintenance and Equipment, including principal and interest on bonds 47,000.00

Incidental Department

Salaries—Elected Town Officials (to be acted upon in Article 9 of the Town Warrant)		
General Administrative		6,500.00
Town Counsel		500.00
Accounting Officer		400.00
Street Lights		6,600.00
Town Hall		5,000.00
Police		19,000.00
Board of Health		1,000.00
Insurance		6,000.00
Honor Roll		100.00
Cemetery		200.00
(Plus income received from Cemetery Trust Funds)		
Veterans Relief		3,000.00
Interest on Borrowed Money		1,000.00
Memorial Day		300.00
(This is referred to in Article 7 of the Town Warrant the appropriation divided as follows:		
World Wars 1 and 2	$260.00	
Spanish War	40.00	
Revaluation of all Taxable Real Property and local Taxable Public Utility Systems. (To be acted upon in Article 16 of the Town Warrant)		
Improvement of William Street, Chapter 90. (To be acted upon in Article 19 of the Town Warrant).		
Chapter 90. Mendon Street Maintenance. (To be acted upon in Article 20 of the Town Warrant).		
Reserve Fund from Overlay Surplus. (To be acted upon in Article 13 of the Town Warrant).		

Article 5. Voted Unanimously, that the Treasurer with approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable

within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. Voted: Unanimously that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money on and after January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year. Any debt incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1954.

Article 7. This was included and acted upon in Article 4.

Article 8. This was included and acted upon in Article 4.

Article 9. Voted: Unanimously, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $2,900.00 for salaries of Elective Town Officials.

Town Clerk	$150.00
Town Treasurer	700.00
Tax Collector	700.00
Chairman Board of Selectmen	350.00
2nd Member Board of Selectmen	200.00
3rd Member Board of Selectmen	200.00
Chairman, Board of Assessors	300.00
2nd Member Board of Assessors	150.00
3rd Member Board of Assessors	75.00
Tree Warden	75.00

Article 10. Voted: Unanimously, that the Selectmen be authorized to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town.

Article 11. This was included and acted upon in Article 4.

Article 12. This was included and acted upon in Article 4.

Article 13. Voted: Unanimously, that the Town appropriate $3,000.00 from overlay surplus reserves to a Reserve Fund.

Article 14. Voted: Unanimously, that the Town accept and lay out a town way to be known as McVitty Road, as described in this article in the Warrant, over land now comprising and coinciding with the present private way known as McVitty Road, as reported by the Road Commissioners, and that the Selectmen be authorized to acquire by eminent domain or otherwise, the required land for said way, the appropriation of funds for the purposes of this article was included and acted upon in Article 4.

Article 15. Voted: Unanimously, that the Town petition the Director of Accounts for an audit of the Town accounts and for installation of an accounting system in accordance with provisions of Chapter 44, Section 35, General Laws.

Article 16. Voted: Unanimously, that the Town authorize and appropriate the sum of $6,200.00 to be expended for revaluation of all taxable real property and locally taxable public utility systems, $1,200.00 of this sum to be raised and the remainder of $5,000.00 to be appropriated from any funds available in the hands of the Town Treasurer.

Article 17. Voted: Unanimously, that the Town authorize the making of an engineering survey and achitects' plans for a new grade school and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 from any funds available in the hands of the Town Treasurer to defray the cost of such engineering and architects services.

Article 18. Voted: Unanimously, that the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of four to be known as a "School Building Needs Committee" which committee is to have supervision over the expenditure of funds appropriated under Article 17, and to make a study and bring in their recommendation at a future town meeting. The Moderator appointed the following:

Hamilton W. Thayer, William K. Child, John W. Hutchinson and Mrs. Francis P. Horton.

Article 19. Voted: Unanimously, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 to be used in conjunction with the sum of $700.00 voted under Article4, at the Town Meeting of March 5, 1951 and earmarked for the purpose, for improvement of William Street, Chapter 90 Construction, said money to be used with money allocated by the State and County for said purpose and to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen; also, that the Selectmen on behalf of the Town be authorized to enter into any contracts or agreements in regard to said improvement or construction as they may find necessary or desirable.

Article 20. Voted: Unanimously, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance of Mendon Street, said money to be used with money allocated by the State and County for said purpose and to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen; also, that the Selectmen on behalf of the Town be authorized to enter into any contracts or agreements in regard to said maintenance as they may find necessary or desirable.

Voted: Unanimously, that the polls be closed and the Warrant be dissolved at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Punctually at one o'clock the Warrant was dissolved and the polls were declared closed, the ballots cast were counted and the results announced as follows:

There were 24 ballots cast for each of the following officers and the same were declared elected:

Town Clerk—Clarence E. Arnold*
Treasurer—Alfred A. Lovejoy, Jr.*
Collector—Shirley E. Holmes*
Selectmen for three years—Asa A. Westcott*

Assessor for three years—George W. Lunt*
Road Commissioner for three years—Harry A. Billings*
School Committee for three years—Frances P. Horton*
Library Trustee for three years—Henry Billings 2nd*
Park Commissioner for three years—Warren D. Arnold*
Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years—William K. Child
Tree Warden—W. Chester Sanborn*
Constable—Asa A. Westcott*
Constable—Thomas F. Malloy*
Constable—Albert E. Bonin*
Constable—W. Chester Sanborn*
Constable—George D. Ardill*
*Candidate for re-election.

Of the above named Town Officers the following were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

By the Moderator—Clarence E. Arnold.

By the Town Clerk—Alfred A. Lovejoy, Jr. Shirley E. Holmes, Asa A. Westcott, George W. Lunt, Harry A. Billings, Frances P. Horton, Henry Billings, 2nd., Warren D. Arnold, William K. Child, Thomas F. Malloy, Albert E. Bonin, W. Chester Sanborn, George D. Ardill.

Hopedale, March 2, 1953

This is to certify that I have this day appointed Alfred French, Jr., as Assistant Town Clerk and that he duly qualified for said office.

Attest: CLARENCE E. ARNOLD,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale ,April 7, 1953.

Selectmen C. Victor Pepper and George W. Lunt, Deputy Sheriff Napier Scribner and Town Clerk Clarence E. Arnold met

this day at three o'clock in the afternoon and Selectmen Lunt drew from the Juror Box the name of Rita L. Rice, Housewife of 122 Freedom street to serve as Traverse Juror at our Superior Court to be holden at Worcester for the transaction of Criminal Business on the first Monday of May next at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Attest: CLARENCE E. ARNOLD,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, June 1, 1953.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hopedale, held this date, Mortimer C. Dennett was appointed Temporary Town Clerk, to serve until a Town Clerk, to be elected at the ensuing Town Meeting, is duly qualified.

Attest: MORTIMER C. DENNETT,
Temporary Town Clerk.

Hopedale, June 11, 1953.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Road Commissioners of the Town of Hopedale, held this date, Robert D. Donley was appointed Road Commissioner for the balance of the fiscal year, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of B. H. Bristow Draper.

Attest: MORTIMER C. DENNETT,
Temporary Town Clerk.

Hopedale, June 11, 1953.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee of the Town of Hopedale, held this date, James H. Richardson was appointed a member of the Finance Committee for the balance of the fiscal year, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of B. H. Bristow Draper.

Attest: MORTIMER C. DENNETT,
Temporary Town Clerk.

Hopedale, June 11, 1953.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hopedale, held this date, Mortimer C. Dennett was appointed Agent of Board of Health to Sign Burial Permits, for the balance of the fiscal year, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Clarence E. Arnold.

Attest: MORTIMER C. DENNETT,
Temporary Town Clerk.

Hopedale, August 19, 1953.

Selectmen C. Victor Pepper and George W. Lunt, Deputy Sheriff Napier Scribner, and Acting Town Clerk Alfred French, Jr. met this date at 10:45 A.M. and Selectmen Pepper drew from the Juror Box the name of Thorald J. Wells, Janitor of Overdale Parkway to serve as Traverse Juror at our Second Civil Session of the Superior Court to be holden at Worcester for the transaction of Civil Business on the 14th day of September next at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Attest: MORTIMER C. DENNETT,
Temporary Town Clerk.

The following persons were appointed as Special Police Officers on Sept. 24, 1953 by the Board of Selectmen.

Roy Cutter
Douglas Archibald
Earl Killion
Harold Stearns
Ernest Muller
Arthur Rockwood
Howard Fitch
Fred Sprague
Carl Stanas
Ray Gaffney
Lyman Draper
Arthur Midgley
John Eckersall
Lester McCully
Perry MacNevin
Peter Costello
Fred S. Hall
Fred Knox

Harland Seymour
William Sainio
Cameron Allen
Alfred Hixon
Russell Tiffany
Roger Burns
Carl Adams
George Boyd
Robert Weaver
Melvin Mosher
Otis Rose
James Sheedy
Arthur Pennington
Victor Person
Arthur Cox
Bayard Bell
Wilton Anderson

MORTIMER C. DENNETT,
Temporary Town Clerk.

Hopedale, December 7, 1953.

Selectmen C. Victor Pepper and George W. Lunt, Deputy Sheriff Napier Scribner and Temporary Town Clerk Mortimer C. Dennett met this date at 2:00 in the afternoon and Selectmen George W. Lunt drew from the Juror Box the name of Ceaser A. Cervassi, machine operator of 8 Oakwood Avenue to serve as Traverse Juror at our Civil Session of our Superior Court to be holden at Worcester for the Transaction of Civil Business on the 7th day of December next at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Attest:

MORTIMER C. DENNETT,
Temporary Town Clerk.

A meeting of the Hopedale Town Finance Committee appointed by the Selectmen of Hopedale, was held at the office of Draper Corporation, Thursday forenoon, December 31, 1953 at 11:00 A.M.

The following members were present Messrs. C. Victor Pepper, H. A. Billings, George W. Lunt, C. F. Snider, J. H. Richardson, and A. A. Lovejoy, Jr.

In the absence of Mr. C. F. Butterworth, Mr. George W. Lunt acted as temporary Chairman.

At this meeting it was reported that the appropriations of several of the departments were not sufficient to take care of the expenses for the remainder of the year and it was unanimously VOTED: That $3,000.00 be transferred from the Reserve Fund to the following appropriations:

Board of Health	$ 500.00
Highway Department	2,500.00

VOTED: To Adjourn.

A. A. LOVEJOY, JR.,
Clerk of the
Hopedale Town Finance Committee.

MORTIMER C. DENNETT,
Temporary Town Clerk.

LIST OF JURORS, JULY 1, 1953, HOPEDALE, MASS.

Name	Occupation	Residence
Barbara L. Allen	Housewife	69 Bancroft Park
Eleanor M. Allen	Housewife	65 Freedom Street
Carl S. Anderson	Rigger	Driftway
Donald W. Arey, Jr.	Clerk	80 Mendon Street
Sophie A. Austin	Housewife	4 Dennett Street
Donald H. Baer	Clerk	116 Freedom Street
C. Earl Baldwin	Toolmaker	8 Hope Street
Benjamin F. Barnes, Jr.	Clerk	24 Inman Street
Archibald E. Beck	Retired	15 Union Street
Bayard B. Bell	Inspector	10 Prospect Street
Warren E. Berquist	Toolmaker	215 So Main Street
R. I. Bramhall	Retired	54 Hope Street
Jessie M. Brown	Housewife	76 Freedom Street
William E. Burns, Jr.	Trucker	15 Plain Street
Caesar A. Cervasi	Laborer	8 Oakwood Avenue
Thornton W. Clark	Clerk	Overdale Parkway
Arthur A. Clement	Stock Clerk	Driftway
Leo T. Cyr	Chaser	60 Hopedale Street
James G. Dalrymple	Clerk	42 Progress Street
John W. Deiana	Assembler	203 Hopedale Street
Alfred N. Dinardo	Clerk	16 Oak Street
Nina M. Dow	Housewife	6 Inman Street
John P. Duffy	Lineman	116 Greene Street
Freddie L. Earle	Painter	211 Dutcher Street
Charles H. Earnsby	Retired	38 Bancroft Park
Walter R. Evers	Shuttle Worker	15 Dutcher Street
George A. Falcone	Accountant	15 Hammond Road
Irene H. Ferguson	Housekeeper	194 Dutcher Street
Carl H. Forss	Shoe Worker	146 Greene Street
George A. Fuller, Jr.	Machine Operator	9 Hopedale Street
Fred Garnett	Laborer	33 Prospect Street
Robert A. Hammond	Clerk	83 Hopedale Street
Elinor Hayward	Housewife	7 Union Street
Richard S. Henry	Poultry-man	200 Dutcher Street

LIST OF JURORS, JULY 1, 1953, HOPEDALE, MASS.

Name	Occupation	Residence
Frederick E. Husted	Erector	3A Williams Street
Merlin H. Jencks, Jr.	Truck-driver	313 So. Main Street
Arthur G. Kaiser	Station Attendant	Off Greene Street
Stephen E. Kimball	Florist	1 Warfield Street
Mildred T. Knights	Housewife	15 Warfield Street
David L. Lescoe	Machinist	31 Prospect Street
Everett L. Luce	Advertising	18 Bancroft Park
Harold H. Macuen	Chauffeur	39 Dutcher Street
Edith M. MacNevin	Housewife	6 Dennett Street
Joseph N. Marinaro	Clerk	8 Maple Street
Robert Mason	Laborer	116 Mendon Street
Roy McQueen	Pattern-maker	7 Hope Street
Carlton S. Metcalf	Laborer	107 Jones Road
Frederick W. Metcalf, Jr.	Checker	108 Freedom Street
Elsie M. Naylor	Housewife	Overdale Parkway
Martin L. Nelson	Painter	126 Jones Road
Shirley A. Nixon	Housewife	8 Warfield Street
Marjorie B. Ostergard	Housewife	120 So. Main Street
Benjamin F. Phillips	Truck-driver	75 Greene Street
Vincent E. Rubeo	Expeditor	9 Hopedale Street
John H. Ruhan	Chauffeur	9 Cross Street
Hope L. Seavey	Housewife	54 Bancroft Park
Emma B. Shanahan	Housewife	9 Park Street
George F. Tinney	Foreman	32 Daniels Street
Harold W. Ward	Line-man	119 Greene Street
Mildred L. Watson	Housewife	61 Prospect Street
Samuel L. Webster	Inspector	16 Inman Street
Thorald J. Wells	Janitor	Overdale Parkway
R. Dexter Whiting	Draftsman	117 Greene Street
Robert P. Wood	Truck-driver	200 Hopedale Street

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

198 Male, 29 Female. 116 Spayed. 2 Kennel. Amount sent to County Treasurer, $722.20 of which amount $571.69 was returned to the town.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Fishing	172
Resident Hunting	64
Resident Sporting	109
Resident Sporting Free of Charge	24
Resident Minor Fishing	9
Resident Female Fishing	19
Resident Military or Naval Sporting—Free	12
Non-Resident Fishing	1
Duplicate License	4
Resident Citizen Fishing—Old Age Asst.	2

VITAL STATISTICS

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the following lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the record of Vital Statistics should be complete. Herewith are extracts from the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 46.

Section 3. Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under Section nine of Chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birth place, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending

the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the names of and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother. Said physician or officer shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or register of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts herein above required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any provided, that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk, or registrar a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars.

Section 4. A member or servant of a family in which a child is born, having knowledge of the facts required for record relative to such births, shall furnish the same upon request of the clerk of the town where such child was born or its parents reside, or of any person authorized by him. Such member or servant refusing to furnish such facts shall be punished by fine not exceeding ten dollars.

Section 6. Parent, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born. Every householder in whose house a death occurs and the oldest next of kin of a deceased person in the town where the death occurs shall, within five days thereafter, cause notice thereof to be given to the board of health.

Blanks can be obtained on application to the town clerk.

MORTIMER C. DENNETT,
Temporary Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1953

DATE 1953		NAME	PARENTS
Jan.	4	Stillborn	
Jan.	4	Vicki Frances Sprague	Frederick L. and Helen C. (MacLeod)
Jan.	18	Marsha Look	Richard W. and Rita C. (Croteau)
Jan.	18	Jane Theresa Curran	John Ross and Florence J. (Clement)
Jan.	21	Melissa Marie Gould	Donald P. and Eva R. (Beauregard)
Jan.	24	Jay Robert Francis	Robert W. and Marilyn (Leathers)
Jan.	30	Jeffrey Brian Cox	Chester W. and Constance (Dias)
Feb.	4	Nicholas Robert Ruscitti	Duino and Mollie (Brenna)
Feb.	11	Steven Joseph Leoncini	Joseph S. and Anita G. (Harback)
Feb.	18	Laura Martin Ragonese	A. Vincent and Martha J. (Hoffmann)
Feb.	25	Daryl Guglielmi	G. Robert and Jean L. (Barker)
Mar.	6	———— Soderberg	Walter E. and Alwilda M. (Barrows)
Mar.	7	Dennis Gary Boucher	Francis A. and Ruth (Wood)
Mar.	16	Gary Wayne Payton	Arthur and Irene R. (Lussier)
Mar.	11	Sharon Ann Ghetti	Albert and Violet (Caracino)
Mar.	23	Jay Mason Washburn	John S. and Althea M. (Gammon)
Mar.	24	June Marie Mele	Lewis P. and Helane T. (Dugan)
Mar.	24	Thomas Howell Nealley	Andrew and Mary (Kelley)
Mar.	29	Susan Joan Miller	Ernest F. and Gwladys (Jones)
Mar.	29	William Richard Haley	Kenneth E. and Mary W. (Smith)
Apr.	16	Sidney Fairchild Gilman	James H. and Jane (Kennard)
Apr.	29	James Charles Eldridge	George A. and Rita A. (Ross)
Apr.	30	Michael Andrew Budash	Joseph A. and Phyllis (Payne)
Apr.	30	Stephen William Budash	Joseph A. and Phyllis (Payne)
May	20	Donald Whitney Howes	Donald L. and Nancy J. (Whitney)
May	20	Barbara Edith Sears	Ellsworth H. and Marjorie A. (Ashe)
May	25	Robert Duane Marso	Robert D. and E. Jane (Newell)
June	1	Richard Leslie Childs, Jr.	Richard L. and Patricia J. (Luscomb)
June	3	Jane Phillips	Harold A. and Mary (Curran)
June	11	John Philip Cameron	Wendall A. and Mary (Izzo)
June	20	Stephen Richard Burrill	William F. and Ruth A. (Neuhart)
June	29	Mark Whitney Francis	William J. and Edith E. (Look)
July	14	Cathy Nutting Burnham	Charles E. and Virginia J. (Creighton)
July	15	Cheryl Lee Meader	Clayton H. and Edith M. (Hammond)
July	18	Rebecca Jane Potter	Robert A. and Lois (Fischer)
July	22	Stephen Taft Newell	Richard P. and Mary F. (Northrop)
July	30	Patricia Alice Heuklom	Kenneth M. and Janet G. (Hodgdon)
Aug.	1	George Draper Gannett	William B. and Nancy (Farnam)
Aug.	1	Jill Ann Giacomuzzi	Robert P. and Elmira (Chapdelaine)
Aug.	2	Stillborn	
Aug.	3	John Louis Arcudi	John C. and Josephine (Terramagia)
Aug.	8	Thomas Michael Grady	John N. and Mary A. (McKenna)
Aug.	19	Katherine Mary Nolan	John F. and Mary F. (Riley)
Aug.	25	Stillborn	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1953

DATE 1953		NAME	PARENTS
Aug.	26	Cynthia Jean Allen	Arthur H. and Barbara J. (Leet)
Aug.	26	Diane Louise Allen	Arthur H. and Barbara J. (Leet)
Sept.	5	Karen Jean Dec	Stanley J. and Charlotte (Allen)
Sept.	10	James Warren Phillips	Benjamin F. and Martha E. (Berquist)
Sept.	10	Robert Edward Barrows	Robert E. and Marilyn L. (Nelson)
Sept.	15	Brian David Burns	Edward C. and Edythe (Earl)
Sept.	16	Linda Jean Skerry	Chester J. and Ann (Barrows)
Sept.	18	Douglas Alvin Archibald	Douglas R. and Lillian C. (Dillaber)
Sept.	22	Thomas Alan Meade	J. Raymond and Blanche (Lussier)
Sept.	26	Robert Arthur Husted	Frederick E. and Greta (Spencer)
Oct.	18	Robert Westcott Rae	Robert G. and M. Frances (Westcott)
Oct.	26	Holly Diane Gabrielson	Charles J. and Audrey (Fitzgerald)
Oct.	26	David Mitchell Lapworth	Clarence H. and Virginia (Carley)
Oct.	28	Jeanne Marie Harlow	George L. and Dorothy (Harwood)
Oct.	30	Elaine Marguerite Stanas	Carl R. and Marguerite H. (Carlson)
Nov.	10	Priscilla Jo Anderson	Harold W. and Mildred L. (Modig)
Nov.	10	John Sargeant Henry	Richard S. and Ann R. (Potter)
Nov.	12	Stephen Alphonse Dec	Alfonse S. and Eleanor (Fitzgerald)
Nov.	18	Nancy Anne Tower	George B. and Annie (Hamperian)
Nov.	23	Glenn Ross Kaizer	Arthur G. and Elenor (Chapman)
Nov.	24	Dwight Judson Smith	Irving D. and Thelma (Knights)
Nov.	30	Frances Anne Cornacchia	Arthur J. and Dorothy M. (Murray)
Dec.	30	Pamela Jean Pennington	Arthur E. and Lillian (Allen)

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1953

DATE 1953		NAMES	RESIDENCE	AGE	MARRIAGE	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED
Jan.	3	Melvin V. Thrash	Texas	27	1st	Rev. John J. Foley
		Jacquelyn M. Curley	Mendon	20	1st	Hopedale
Jan.	24	Robert F. Joslin	Hopedale	21	1st	Rev. Wm. G. O'Brien
		Elizabeth A. DeBoer	Milford	20	1st	Hopedale
Jan.	24	Kenneth F. Gould	Hopedale	22	1st	Rev. Wm. G. O'Brien
		Jeanette F. Stead	Virginia	19	1st	Hopedale
Feb.	7	Joseph R. Monti	Milford	26	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
		Maria L. Casali	Hopedale	23	1st	Hopedale
Feb.	14	John A. Gonsorcik	E. Douglas	22	1st	Rev. John J. Foley
		Eleanor M. Daige	Mendon	21	1st	Hopedale
Mar.	23	Robert A. Berquist	Hopedale	22	1st	Rev. JB. Hollis Tegarden
		Virginia M. French	Hopedale	21	1st	Hopedale
Apr.	11	Robert W. Donovan	Hopedale	26	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
		Theresa A. Lees	Hopedale	22	1st	Hopedale
Apr.	11	Leland K. Whiting	Hopedale	68	2nd	Rev. John P. Farnon
		Marion R. (Tredeau) Johnson	Milford			Milford
Apr.	18	Peter J. Leone	N. Prov., R.I.	26	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
		Dina L. Travaglini	Hopedale	21	1st	Hopedale
Apr.	25	Caesar J. Cervassi	Hopedale	26	1st	Rev. John R. Shannon
		Loretta J. Couture	Upton	22	1st	Upton
Apr.	25	William J. Meaden, Jr.	Uxbridge	28	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
		June M. Barsanti	Hopedale	21	1st	Hopedale
Apr.	25	Robert J. Brown	Hopedale	26	1st	Rev. Dowie G. DeBoer
		Judith Ripley	Hopedale	22	1st	Milford
May	2	Robert J. Callahan	Milford	21	1st	Rev. Francis Pitroff
		Martha M. Swanson	Hopedale	19	1st	Milford
May	9	Thomas P. Guerra	Hopedale	19	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
		Ruth M. Bosma	Hopedale	19	1st	Hopedale
May	9	Laurence T. Maher	Hopedale	30	1st	Rev. John A. Lynch
		Jeanette P. Twitchell	Swampscott	24	1st	Swampscott
May	16	Edward W. Henderson	Milford	24	1st	Rev. Albert E. Hutchison
		Gladys M. Sanborn	Hopedale	23	1st	Hopedale
May	23	Robert F. Maffia	Milford	24	1st	Rev. Albert E. Hutchison
		Helen J. L. Dauphinee	Hopedale	25	1st	Hopedale
June	6	Russell E. Phipps	Mendon	23	1st	Rev. Albert E. Hutchison
		Janet M. Metcalf	Hopedale	23	1st	Hopedale
June	14	Robert E. Barrows	Hopedale	17	1st	Rev. JB. Hollis Tegarden
		Marilyn L. Nelson	Hopedale	15	1st	Hopedale
June	20	Jean P. Stare	Hopedale	25	1st	Rev. Louis Fontana
		Regina Shuber	Milford	23	1st	Milford
June	20	Donald R. Fafard	Hopedale	23	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
		Lorraine S. Hixon	Hopedale	21	1st	Hopedale
June	20	Edward F. Dietzel	New Jersey	32	1st	Rev. Albert E. Hutchison
		Dorothy S. Mathewson	Hopedale	25	1st	Hopedale
June	21	George E. Miller	Hopedale	21	1st	Rev. Francis J. McGann
		Elaine M. Welch	Walpole	19	1st	Walpole

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DATE 1953	NAMES	RESIDENCE	AGE	MARRIAGE	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED
June 21	Hagop H. Garabediam	Whitinsville	24	1st	Rev. Aram Bagdikian
	Deborah L. Smith	Hopedale	22	2nd	Worcester
June 23	Clifford K. Pangborn	Hopedale	32	1st	Rev. JB. Hollis Tegarden
	Janet Ryan	Hopedale	38	2nd	Hopedale
June 27	Peter J. Gibson	Hopedale	19	1st	Lionel R. Trudeau, J. of P.
	Valia J. Fratta	Milford	18	1st	Bellingham
June 27	Herbert S. Durgin	Hopedale	24	1st	Rev. Charles E. Lenk
	Frances L. Murray	Hopedale	24	1st	Hopedale
July 4	Americo Candela	Milford	25	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
	Evelyn A. Dufresne	Hopedale	22	1st	Hopedale
July 4	Robert S. Look	Hopedale	20	1st	Rev. Gardner H. Shattuck
	Dorothy R. Taylor	Milford	20	1st	Boston
July 11	Robert J. Pantani	Hopedale	21	1st	Rev. Edward J. McLaughlin
	Mary A. Perini	Framingham	19	1st	Framingham
July 13	Ernest M. Murray	Hopedale	32	1st	Rev. John I. Smith
	Mary P. Best	Worcester	32	1st	Worcester
Aug. 1	Harry R. Grant	Mendon	27	1st	Rev. JB. Hollis Tegarden
	Janet Lapworth	Hopedale	22	1st	Hopedale
Aug. 1	William Zechello	Medfield	21	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
	Pauline M. Rumse	Hopedale	21	1st	Hopedale
Aug. 22	Constant P. Lussier	Hopedale	20	1st	Rev. Francis J. Pitroff
	Maureen F. Hannigan	Milford	18	1st	Milford
Aug. 29	Robert M. Snyder	New York	21	1st	Rev. Philip V. Jaquith
	Claire L. Gaskill	Hopedale	21	1st	E. Greenwich, R.I.
Aug. 29	Frederick T. Marchi	Maine	24	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
	Jane A. Eckersall	Hopedale	22	1st	Hopedale
Sept. 5	John A. Chute	Hopedale	25	1st	Rev. James L. O'Dell
	Jean M. Hart	Mendon	19	1st	Hopedale
Sept. 5	Henry J. Poirier, Jr.	Upton	19	1st	Rev. John J. Foley
	Nina L. Goodwin	Mendon	21	1st	Hopedale
Sept. 6	William C. Wrenn	Hopedale	24	1st	Rev. Charles C. Howse
	Nancy Cain	E. Weymouth	23	1st	Wellesley
Sept. 12	Albert S. Ballou, Jr.	Rhode Island	30	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
	Catherine M. Bliss	Hopedale	28	1st	Hopedale
Sept. 13	Kelsie E. Townsend, Jr.	Hopedale	25	1st	Rev. Arthur H. Melanson
	Elvira M. Sidoni	Milford	20	1st	Milford
Sept. 22	Charles E. Henry	Hopedale	21	1st	Rev. Albert E. Hutchison
	Florence C. Richardson	Milford	18	1st	Hopedale
Sept. 26	George A. Davis	Plymouth	32	2nd	Rev. JB. Hollis Tegarden
	Olivia G. Stuart	Hopedale	32	2nd	Hopedale
Sept. 26	Michael Gulowacz	Rhode Island	31	1st	Rev. Stephen H. Holutial
	Ruth M. Rowe	Hopedale	25	1st	Woonsocket, R.I.
Oct. 9	Marvin R. Townsend	Hopedale	23	1st	Rev. Stephen H. Smith
	Jean Davis	Wellfleet	27	1st	Wellfleet
Oct. 10	John W. Austin	Franklin	41	1st	Rev. Albert E. Hutchison
	Dorcas M. Dudley	Mendon	39	2nd	Hopedale

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DATE 1953		NAMES	RESIDENCE	AGE	MARRIAGE	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED
Oct.	10	William F. McCarthy	Milford	24	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
		Dorothy S. Sheedy	Hopedale	26	1st	Hopedale
Oct.	10	Earl F. Thomas	Mendon	19	1st	Rev. John J. Foley
		Cecile M. Rondeau	Mendon	19	1st	Hopedale
Oct.	18	Clifford G. Moon, Jr.	Hopedale	23	1st	Rev. John J. Tierney
		Margaret L. DeLeo	Cambridge	26	1st	Cambridge
Oct.	24	Walter J. Cyr	Milford	19	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
		Nancy E. McKeon	Hopedale	19	1st	Hopedale
Oct.	24	Philip S. Kimball	Hopedale	25	1st	Rev. Lloyd A. Duren
		Jeannine A. Richard	Hopedale	21	1st	Milford
Oct.	31	Lewis E. Gaskill, Jr.	Hopedale	24	1st	Rev. William V. Lucey
		Rosemarie V. LeFrancois	Uxbridge	18	1st	Uxbridge
Nov.	25	John J. Eckersall	Hopedale	56	2nd	Rev. Arthur H. Melanson
		Bertha L. Chapin	Milford	59	2nd	Milford
Nov.	26	Carlton O. Champagne	Rhode Island	23	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
		Marilyn A. Noyes	Hopedale	22	1st	Hopedale
Nov.	28	Robert M. O'Connell	Milford	33	1st	Rev. Arthur A. Faron
		Margaret M. Gaffney	Hopedale	31	1st	Hopedale
Nov.	28	Robert R. Corey	Hopedale	23	1st	Rev. Louis J. Celozzi
		Marion Ann DeVita	Milford	22	1st	Wellesley
Dec.	26	Thomas I. George	Hopedale	19	1st	Rev. Lloyd A. Duren
		Shirley M. Colaianni	Milford	17	1st	Milford
Dec.	31	Howard F. Donald	Hopedale	46	2nd	Lionel R. Trudeau, J. of P.
		Bernice Donald	Hopedale	37	2nd	Bellingham

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1953

DATE 1953		NAME OF DECEASED	Y	M	D	PLACE OF BIRTH
Jan.	10	Thomas J. Enos	13	10	19	New York State
Jan.	16	Mary (Safford) Campbell	85		1	Madison, Wis.
Jan.	22	John A. Hayes	54	8	21	Milford, Mass.
Feb.	6	Modesta (Iadarola) Zampino	65	1	6	Foggia, Italy
Feb.	9	Margaret (Pickles) Thibodeau	56	5	23	Lowell, Mass.
Feb.	14	Amy (Rogerson) Wilson	83	3	6	England
Feb.	26	James Flannigan	73	4	20	Worcester, Mass.
Mar.	6	———————— Soderberg	2 Hours			Worcester, Mass.
Mar.	8	Edgar C. Welch	65			New York State
Mar.	11	Ellen P. Henry	97	1	5	Chesterfield, N.H.
Mar.	16	Mary A. Tucker	74	9	19	Rockland, Maine
Apr.	10	Mary (Martin) Hunter	87	2	13	North Ireland
Apr.	14	Frank C. Wilson	83	2	30	Union, Conn.
Apr.	23	Amy (Caulfield) Baer	68	3	8	Manchester, Eng.
Apr.	25	George Almond Smith	75	7	9	Newburyport, Mass.
Apr.	27	Joseph J. Bateson	77	5		England
May	16	Aretas B. Blood	60	10	3	Medfield, Mass.
May	17	Carro (Sherman) Gilman	80	10		E. Fairfield, Vt.
May	29	Hugh E. Nulty	59	7	23	Uxbridge, Mass.
July	29	Edwin A. Gordon	58	11	26	Ashburnham, Mass.
Aug.	4	Almira (Burgess) Beal	85	11	11	Durham, Maine
Aug.	4	Ida (Ballard) Norman	70	6	1	Canada
Aug.	21	George E. Ambler	87	10	20	Milford, Mass.
Aug.	27	Carl E. Anderson	73	11	28	Oslo, Norway
Sept.	18	Milton F. Doxey	57	5	1	Fall River, Mass.
Oct.	7	William A. Murray	64	3	20	Milford, Mass.
Oct.	10	Florence (Whitney) Look	62	9	25	Jonesboro, Maine
Oct.	11	Jennie L. Enos	81	3	7	New Bedford, Mass.
Oct.	15	David S. Gordon	73			Philadelphia, Pa.
Oct.	17	Janet (Anderson) Nelson	85	3	14	Del Rye, Scotland
Oct.	24	Walter E. Burke	75	8	24	Clinton, Mass.
Oct.	24	Josiah J. Gibbs	76	4	27	Framingham, Mass.
Nov.	16	Henry F. Daffon	82	7	13	Hingham, Mass.
Nov.	18	Charles Pepper	86	6	5	England
Nov.	26	Alice (Prentiss) Rollins	75	11	21	Upton, Mass.
Dec.	5	Annie (Newell) Tarpey	65	9	25	Ireland
Dec.	11	William S. Hague	86	7	14	Readville, Mass.
Dec.	12	John J. Fahey	77	11	2	Ireland
Dec.	18	Clementine (Sheppard) Spencer	69	5	18	England

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

Herewith I submit my annual report of the financial transactions of the Town of Hopedale for the year ending December 31, 1953.

1. Charts showing Source of Revenue and Distribution of Expenditures.

2. Balance Sheet.

3. Detailed report of Receipts from all sources of income.

4. Detailed report of the Expenditures of each Department.

5. Recapitulation and Estimate Table showing the Appropriations, Receipts and Transfers, Expenditures Balances Dec. 31, 1953 and the estimated costs to run the various departments for the coming year as submitted by them.

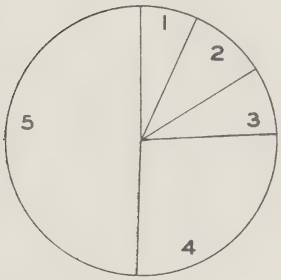
All the Town Departments have my thanks for the cooperation they have shown me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLARD A. LOVEJOY,
Accounting Officer

1953 SOURCES OF REVENUE

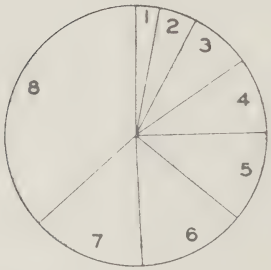
$522,432.09



REFERENCE NO.		% OF TOTAL RECEIPTS
1.	COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS	6.4
2.	WATER REVENUE	7.6
3.	MISCELLANEOUS	9.
4.	REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE OR CORPORATION AND INCOME TAXES	27.4
5.	RECEIVED FROM LOCAL TAXATION	49.6
		100%

1953
DISTRIBUTION OF TOWN EXPENSES

$523,176.95



REFERENCE NO.		% OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES
1.	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2.5
2.	RECREATION	4.5
3.	CHARITIES	7.3
4.	WATER	9.
5.	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	10.7
6.	HIGHWAYS	12.9
7.	OTHER	14.
8.	SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY	39.1
		100%

TOWN OF HOPEDALE BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash		$100,120.58
Accounts Receivable		
Taxes:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1953	$2,428.53	2,428.53
Departmental:		
Town Hall	193.50	
Board of Health	89.29	
Public Welfare Dept.	104.43	
Aid to Dependent Children	175.70	
School Dept.	54.00	616.92
Water:		
Services	37.30	37.30
Aid to Highways:		
State	1,001.81	
County	600.91	1,602.72
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts		
Underestimates 1953		
State Parks and Reservations	231.87	
Overlay Deficit 1953	544.67	

Liabilities and Reserves

Employees Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Withholding Taxes	$3,046.10	
Contributory Retirement System	432.12	
Blue Cross	365.85	$3,844.07
Agency:		
County Dog License	4.80	4.80
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance	36.46	
Aid to Dependent Children	267.95	
Old Age Assistance Administration	110.40	414.81
Revolving Funds:		
School Athletics	350.01	
School Lunch	328.66	678.67
Appropriation Balances:		
Revaluation of Taxable Property	3,650.00	
Civilian Defense	358.12	
Highway (Williams St. Construction)	383.35	
School (Engineering and Architects Expense)	15,000.00	
School (Special Repairs)	122.08	19,513.55

TOWN OF HOPEDALE BALANCE SHEET — Continued

Assets

Overdrawn Appropriations		
Mendon St. Maintenance, Chapter 90	398.00	1,174.54
Total Assets		$105,980.59

Liabilities and Reserves

Library Trust Fund Balances:		
General	1,112.42	
B. R. Billings Fund	4.64	1,117.06
Sale of Real Estate Fund:		
Old High School Property	1,000.00	1,000.00
Overstimates:		
County Taxes 1953	972.68	
County Hospital 1953	328.16	1,300.84
Overlay Surplus 1953	696.22	696.22
Revenue Reserve until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	2,428.53	
Departmental	616.92	
Water	37.30	
Aid to Highway	1,602.72	4,685.47
Surplus Revenue:		
General	72,725.10	72,725.10
Total Liabilities		$105,980.59

Debt Account

Net Funded Debt	$205,000.00	Water Bonds	$205,000.00

RECEIPTS

General Revenue		
Taxes		
Poll	2,112.00	
Personal	11,059.62	
Real Estate	211,642.89	
	———	224,814.51
Comm. of Mass.		
Corporation	102,210.14	
Income	21,575.64	
Meal	651.89	
	———	124,437.67
Permits		
Milk	.50	
Junk	20.00	
Used Car and Others	92.50	
	———	113.00
Fines		
Court	110.00	110.00
Grants		
Federal Government		
O.A.A.	14,280.98	
A.D.C.	526.80	
Dis. Assistance	140.60	
	———	14,948.38
State		
Vocational Education	1,540.81	

School Transportation	1,141.84	
Mass. School Fund	18,518.51	
		21,201.16
		385,624.72

Commercial Revenue

General Government

Sundries	15.00	
Town Hall	3,229.00	
		3,244.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police

Telephone	2.52	
Special Police Work	766.85	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	145.55	
		914.92

Health and Sanitation

Town of Milford	375.75	
Tuberculosis	155.71	
		531.46

RECEIPTS

Highways

Chapter 90 Construction—State	698.19	
Chapter 90 Construction—County	349.09	
Equipment Rental	250.00	
Insurance Refund	30.00	
		1,327.28

Public Welfare		
Disability Assistance	116.60	
Outside Cities and Towns Temp. Aid	16.84	
Aid to Dependent Children (Mass.)	26.70	
Old Age Assistance		
Comm. of Mass.	10,788.08	
Cities and Towns	133.89	
Veterans' Benefits		
Comm. of Mass.	366.50	
Trust Funds	186.95	
		11,635.56
Schools		
Tuition of State Wards (Mass.)	3,520.21	
Tuition, Other	208.00	
Lunch Fund	1,103.07	
Athletic Fund	536.75	
		5,368.03
Libraries		
Fines	116.78	
B.R. Billings Fund	200.00	
Trust Funds	2,253.99	
		2,570.77
Park		
General	348.00	
Trust Funds	53.47	
		401.47
		25,993.49

Dog Licenses From County		571.69
Special Sewer Assessments		440.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		33,702.06
		34,713.75
Water Department		
Sale of Water	37,045.98	
Sale of Materials	40.72	
Service Connections	2,456.21	
		39,542.91
Interest		
Cemeteries —		
(H. V. Cemetery)	114.12	
(Town Cemetery)	8.45	
Milford Savings Bk. (Bk 52048)	149.13	
B. R. Billings Fund	.12	
Deferred Taxes	38.30	
M. V. Excise	5.71	
		315.83
Agency		
Dog Licenses for County	720.40	720.40
Refunds and Transfers		
Refunds—General	243.99	
Federal Withholding Tax	28,331.58	
County Retirement Fund	4,633.32	
Blue Cross	2,312.10	
		35,520.99
Total Receipts		$522,432.09

EXPENDITURES

General Government		
Selectmen		
Salaries		
Selectmen	750.00	
Clerk	920.80	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	32.28	
Carfares, Auto Exp.	70.00	
Telephone	195.41	
Clerical Hire and Misc.	647.08	
		2,615.57
Auditing		100.00
Tax Collector		
Salaries	700.00	
Clerical	94.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	265.07	
Misc.	41.44	
		1,100.51
Assessors		
Salaries	525.00	
Clerical	577.50	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	63.96	
Carfare, Auto Exp.	30.60	
Misc.	239.32	
		1,436.38
Treasurer		
Salaries	700.00	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	22.92	
Telephone	50.73	
Miscellaneous	143.20	
		916.85

Town Accountant		
Salaries	500.00	
Expenses	180.91	
		680.91
Inspection		
Sealer of Weights and Measures	139.40	
Electrical	118.21	
Dog Officer	167.50	
		425.11
Tree Warden	75.00	75.00
Town Counsel	500.00	500.00
Town Clerk		
Salaries	150.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	51.76	
Misc.	99.73	
		301.49
Election and Registration		
Salaries	95.40	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	171.67	
Clerical	330.28	
Misc.	16.75	
		614.10
		8,765.92
Town Hall		
Salaries	1,620.30	
Fuel	450.00	
Light	388.73	
Supplies	126.30	

Repairs	1,690.40	
Misc.	109.04	
		4,384.77

Protection of Persons & Property

Police Department

Salaries

Regular	13,657.38	
Extra Duty	1,479.51	
		15,136.89
Maintenance of Cruiser		1,743.18
Telephone		307.86
Clothing		333.22
Misc.		227.76
		17,748.91

Fire Department

Salaries

Permanent Firemen	26,624.00	
Engine No. 4	805.00	
Ladder Co.	645.00	
Combination Co.	805.00	
Brush Fires	772.87	
		29,651.87
New Fire Alarm System		779.67

Equipment and Repairs

Apparatus	1,002.81	
Hose	599.78	
Gasoline	272.40	
Other	723.64	
		2,598.63

Hydrant Service		150.00
Fuel		600.00
Light		299.84
Alarm System		377.70
Buildings and Grounds		
Repairs	137.67	
Misc.	460.73	
		598.40
Stationery, Printing & Postage		32.70
Telephone		299.03
Misc.		366.36
		35,754.20

Civilian Defense

Postage		17.02
Materials		384.31
Misc.		300.89
		702.22

Health

General Administration		1.40
Contagious Diseases		
Board & Treatment	1,102.23	
Medicine & Medical	36.00	
		1,138.23
Tuberculosis		
Board & Treatment		142.50

Vital Statistics

Marriages	69.00	
Births	85.00	
Deaths	63.00	
		217.00
		1,499.13

EXPENDITURES

Highways

General

Salaries & Wages	13,856.15	
Gasoline & Materials	2,039.35	
Stone & Gravel	1,784.28	
Equipment & Repairs	4,843.93	
Misc.	3,518.50	
		26,042.21

Bridges

Salaries & Wages	581.54	
Materials	855.50	
		1,437.04

Sidewalk Maintenance

Salaries & Wages	886.99	
Materials	397.28	
		1,284.27

Sidewalk Construction

Park St.	357.79	
Williams St. (chapter 90)	1,413.93	
		1,771.72

Snow & Ice Removal		
Salaries & Wages	4,425.70	
Truck Expense	896.60	
General	3,241.17	
	———	8,563.47
Lighting		
Contract	6,383.92	
General	141.40	
	———	6,525.32
Other Expenses		
Street Signs	238.44	
McVitty Road Construction	9,355.74	
Pipe	340.52	
Tree Spraying	2,184.88	
Street Repairs	8,827.94	
Building Repairs	621.32	
Fuel	200.00	
	———	21,768.84
		———
		67,392.87
Public Welfare Department		
General Administration		300.00
General Relief		
Groceries	20.00	
Medicine & Medical	619.57	
Cash Grants to Individual	2,061.25	
Misc.	51.50	
	———	2,752.32
Aid to Dependent Children		
Cash Grants	749.40	
Administration	50.00	
	———	799.40

Old Age Assistance

Administration	1,647.89	
Cash Grants	14,470.56	
Board & Care	300.15	
Other Cities & Towns	1,306.53	
	———	17,725.13

Old Age Assistance Federal Grant

Cash Grants	13,922.84	
Administration	818.75	
	———	14,741.59

Aid to Dependent Children (Fed. Grant)

Cash Grants	247.05	
Administration	17.86	
	———	264.91

Disability Assistance

General	382.56	
Federal Grant	104.14	
	———	486.70
		———
		37,070.05

Veterans' Benefits

Salaries	50.00	
Office Expenses	5.85	
Allowances	779.16	
Fuel	12.00	
Medical	43.75	
Association Dues	2.00	
Telephone	5.61	
		———
		898.37

Schools		
General		
Superintendent Salary	6,999.96	
Clerk	2,340.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	50.68	
Telephone	550.86	
Traveling Expenses	396.67	
Other Expenses	2,634.89	
		12,973.06
Athletic Fund		909.78
Lunch Fund		2,769.41
Teacher's Salaries		
High School	35,033.84	
Elementary	67,410.49	
		102,444.33
Text Books & Supplies		
High School		
Text Books	1,207.23	
Supplies	2,546.41	
Elementary		
Text Books	2,587.48	
Supplies	3,227.36	
		9,568.48
Vocation Education		5,144.92
Transportation		
High School	960.85	
Vocational	702.90	
General	4,120.29	
		5,784.04

Janitor's Services		
High	3,276.00	
Elementary	6,052.00	
		9,328.00
Fuel & Light		
High	3,335.95	
Elementary	2,569.36	
		5,905.31
Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds		
High		
Repairs	2,906.85	
Supplies	967.81	
Misc.	1,687.49	
Elementary		
Repairs	1,637.88	
Supplies	780.69	
Misc.	11.19	
		7,991.91
Special Repairs		31,069.56
Furniture & Furnishings		
High	1,217.94	
Elementary	44.17	
		1,262.11
Graduation Exercises		100.00
Misc. Printing		32.50

School Health

Physician	518.00	
Nurse	1,000.00	
		1,518.00
		196,801.41

Libraries

Salaries	6,244.90	
Books	616.09	
Periodicals	256.28	
Binding	82.39	
B. R. Billings Fund	200.00	
Fuel	400.00	
Light	241.46	
Building Repairs and Maintenance	94.61	
Printing	39.50	
Supplies	50.36	
Telephone	94.45	
All Other	187.51	
		8,507.55

Park Department

Bath House

Labor	1,741.66	
Repairs	34.78	
Light & Maintenance	106.34	
Supplies	51.56	
		1,934.34

Reservation

Labor	1,592.52	
Repairs	20.95	

Maintenance	1,002.90	
Supplies	56.39	
Insect Suppression	320.75	
All Other	104.82	
	———	3,098.33
Playground		
Labor	4,397.97	
Repairs	765.71	
Maintenance	427.57	
Supplies	388.22	
Gas & Oil	98.09	
All Other	309.89	
	———	6,387.45
Major Improvements		
Bath House	2,171.73	
Tennis Court	654.19	
Reservation	20.02	
	———	2,845.94
		14,266.06
Unclassified		
Memorial Day	300.00	
Printing Town Reports	661.67	
Blanket Insurance Coverage	5,474.88	
Town Cemetery	191.92	
Revaluation of Taxable Property	2,550.00	
Hopedale Village Cemetery	114.12	
	———	9,292.59
Water Department		
Administration		
Commissioner	250.00	
Superintendent & Registrar	1,999.92	

Printing, Stationery & Postage	152.18	
Telephone	102.25	
All Other	2,863.62	
		5,367.97
General		
Labor	7,674.21	
Trucks	143.80	
Pipe & Fittings	71.77	
Equipment	42.00	
All Other	2,447.57	
		10,379.35
Bond & Interest Payments		16,190.00
Pumping Station		
Fuel, Light, Power	3,068.79	
Repairs	52.34	
All Other	199.44	
		3,320.57
Service Pipe		
Labor	16.00	
Pipe & Fittings	735.76	
		751.76
Extensions		
Labor	296.00	
Pipe & Fittings	102.41	
All Other	1,223.10	
		1,621.51
Soda Ash		1,185.28
Source of Supply		6,198.09

Meters & Supplies	1,659.82
Water Analysis	257.89
	46,932.24

Agencies

County Tax	35,586.80
Dog Licenses for County	722.20
State Parks & Reservations	717.25
Auditing Municipal Accounts	669.42
	37,695.67

Refunds

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	688.15
All Others	11.50

Transfers

Blue Cross	1,943.50
Federal Withholding Tax	28,194.38
Worcester County Retirement Fund	4,627.46
	35,464.99
Grand Total	523,176.95

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Total Receipts	522,432.09
Balance on Hand January, 1953	100,865.44
Total Expenditures	523,176.95
Cash Balance December 31, 1953	100,120.58
	623,297.53

RECAPITULATION AND ESTIMATES FOR 1954

ACCOUNT	1953 Appropriation	Receipts & Transfers	Total	1953 Exenditures	Balance	Overdrafts	1954 Estimates
General Administration							
General Administration	$6,500.00	$.....	$6,500.00	$5,627.59	$872.41	.....	$6,500.00
Accounting Officer	400.00		400.00	400.00	.....	.....	400.00
Town Counsel	500.00	.....	500.00	500.00	.....	.....	500.00
Town Officers Salaries	2,900.00	.....	2,900.00	2,900.00	.....	.....	2,900.00
Revaluation Of Taxable Property	6,200.00	.....	6,200.00	2,550.00	3,650.00	.....	.....
Town Hall	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00	4,384.77	615.23	.....	5,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property							
Police	19,000.00	.....	19,000.00	17,748.91	1,251.09	.....	20,000.00
Fire (General Maintenance)	38,000.00	.....	38,000.00	33,439.33	4,560.67	.....	38,000.00
Fire (Hydrants)	200.00	.....	200.00	150.00	50.00	.....	200.00
Fire (Hose)	600.00	.....	600.00	599.78	.22	.....	600.00
Fire (Alarm Extension)	800.00	.....	800.00	779.67	20.33	.....	800.00
Fire (Brush Fires)	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	785.42	214.58	.....	1,400.00
Civilian Defense	.....	1,060.34	1,060.34	702.22	358.12	.....	700.00
Health and Sanitation							
Board Of Health	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00	1,499.13	.87	.....	2,500.00
Highways							
Highway (General)	56,500.00	3,098.00	59,598.00	59,524.42	73.58	.....	67,000.00
Williams St. Construction (Chapter 90)	750.00	1,047.28	1,797.28	1,413.93	383.35	.....	.....
Mendon Street Improvement (Chapter 90)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,000.00
Mendon Street Maintenance (Chapter 90)	200.00	.....	200.00	598.00	.....	398.00	200.00
Street Lighting	6,600.00	.....	6,600.00	6,454.52	145.48	.....	7,000.00

Public Welfare

Public Welfare Administration	600.00	.....	600.00	300.00	300.00	.....	600.00
Public Welfare General Relief	7,000.00	186.95	7,186.95	3,134.88	4,052.07	.....	7,000.00
Aid To Dependent Children Administration	100.00	.....	100.00	50.00	50.00	.....	100.00
Aid To Dependent Children	2,000.00	.....	2,000.00	749.40	1,250.60	.....	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance Administration	2,200.00	.....	2,200.00	1,647.89	552.11	.....	2,200.00
Old Age Assistance	20,000.00	.....	20,000.00	16,148.76	3,851.24	.....	20,000.00
A.D.C.F.G. (Administration)	6.06	11.80	17.86	17.86	.....	.....	.....
A.D.C.F.G.	.....	515.00	515.00	247.05	267.95	.....	.....
O.A.A.F.G. Administration	.....	929.15	929.15	818.75	110.40	.....	.....
O.A.A.F.G.	243.94	13,678.90	13,922.84	13,922.84	.....	.....	.....
Disability Assistance F. G. Administration	.....	36.46	36.46	.....	36.46	.....	.....
Disability Assistance	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,500.00
Disability Assistance (Federal Grant)	.....	104.14	104.14	104.14	.....	.....	.....
Veteran's Benefits	3,000.00	.....	3,000.00	898.37	2,101.63	.....	3,000.00

Schools and Libraries

School Dept. (General Maintenance)	157,550.00	.....	157,550.00	157,549.90	.10	.....	168,130.00
School Lunch Fund	1,500.00	1,103.07	2,603.07	2,274.41	328.66	.....	1,500.00
School Athletics	239.77	531.75	776.52	426.51	350.01	.....	Plus Rec. 1,500.00
School Special Repairs	30,000.00	88.70	30,088.70	29,966.62	122.08	.....	Plus Rec. 20,000.00
School Vocational Tuition	6,500.00	.....	6,500.00	6,496.57	3.43	.....	5,600.00
Engineering and Arch Services New Grade School	15,000.00	.....	15,000.00	.....	15,000.00	.....	15,000.00
Library (General)	6,500.00	571.69	7,071.69	7,071.69	.....	.....	6,500.00
Library (Trust Fund Account)	94.29	2,253.99	2,348.28	1,235.86	1,112.42	.....	.....
B. R. Billings Fund	4.64	200.00	204.64	200.00	4.64	.....	.....

Recreation

Park Department (General)	14,000.00	393.47	14,393.47	14,266.06	127.41	.....	14,000.00

RECAPITULATION AND ESTIMATES FOR 1954 — Continued

ACCOUNT	1953 Appropriation	Receipts & Transfers	Total	1953 Expenditures	Balance	Overdrafts	1954 Estimates
Unclassified							
Insurance	6,000.00	.....	6,000.00	5,474.88	525.12	.....	6,000.00
Memorial Day	300.00	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	325.00
War Memorial	100.00	.....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Utilities							
Water Department	47,000.00	.....	47,000.00	46,932.24	67.76	.....	48,000.00
Agencies							
Cemeteries	200.00	8.45	208.45	191.92	16.53	.....	200.00
Interest On Borrowed Money	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Reserve Fund	3,000.00	.....	3,000.00	3,000.00	.....	.....	3,000.00
	$469,000.00						$491,355.00

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LOVEJOY

Town Accountant

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953

Library Department

By Balance from last account		$71,543.69
To 111 Chic. Milw. St. Paul & Pacific Common Stock	$6,951.55	
24 Chi. Milw. St. Paul & Pacific Preferred Stock	1,340.65	
400 Chi. Milw. St. Paul & Pacific Gen. Mtge. 4½% Income Bonds Series B-2044 (C 7859 60-61-62)	406.04	
10,000 Souther Ry. 4's 4/1/56 (58820-1-2, 18060, 19230, 50660, 35932, 20693, 24913, 39114 (1000 ea.)	8,315.44	
4,000 B & O Ry 5's 3/1/2000 (M 17832-3-4-5)	4,098.53	
1,000 B & M RR 1st Mtge. Bonds 4% Ser. RR Due 7/1/60 M 63669	920.71	
2,500 B & M RR Income Mtge. Bonds Ser. A, 4½% Due 7/1/70 (D 6297, M 41271-72)	2,301.79	
13,000 Am. Tel and Tel. Co. 2¾% Bds. 1980	13,122.93	
3,000 U. S. Treas. 2½% bonds due 1969-64 116407 F & 116407 H 249674 D)	3,007.26	
10,000 U. S. Treas. 2½% Bonds due 1964-69 #44049 K	10,021.22	
Galley 9—HOPEDALE—5085		
6,000 U. S. Treas. 2½% Bonds due 1967-72 Nos. 279996 F 64804 D	6,000.00	
Deposit Milford Sav. Bank Book 52167	1,217.76	

14,000 Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. 2¾% Bds. 1980 Nos. M 35-352/5-35-361/356-M 47-992/4-37-279	13,839.81	
	$71,543.69	71,543.69
Gen. Draper Fund — Mil. Sav. Bank Book No. 22549	28.88	28.88
	$71,572.57	$71,572.57

Detail of Library Trust Fund

Joseph B. Bancroft, Bancroft Fund	$ 1,115.16
Estate of Joseph B. Bancroft, Bancroft Fund	1,115.16
Lilla B. Bracken, Sarah M. Whipple Fund	1,115.16
Estate of Lura B. Day, Bancroft-Day Fund	5,400.83
Estate of Lura B. Day, Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft Fund	20,004.36
Estate-Frances E. Colburn, Frances E. Colburn Fund	10,031.94
Estate-Ruth Day Williams, Bancroft-Day Fund	22,761.08
Anna M., Lilla B. and Lura B. Bancroft Fund	10,000.00
	71,543.69
Gen. Draper Fund	28.88
	71,572,57

Public Welfare Department

By Balance from last account		$ 5,563.51
To 1000 Southern Ry. 4's 4/1/56 (180059)	$ 802.00	
1000 Pudget Sound Power and Light Co. 4-1/2's 12/1/72 M 17803	1,042.50	

1000 Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. 2-3/4% Bds. 1980	1,009.46	
1000 Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. 2-3/4% Bds. 1980	988.56	
Deposit Milford Sav. Bank Book 37995	1,720.99	
	5,563.51	$ 5,563.51

Detail of Public Department Trust Fund

Estate of Jessie Preston Draper		$ 5,563.51

Park Department

By Balance from last account		$ 1,892.46
Deposit Milford Sav. Bk Book 52166	$ 903.90	
1000 Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. 2-3/4% Bds. 1980 No. M 47-991	988.56	
	$1,892.46	$ 1,892.46

Detail of Park Department Trust Fund

William F. George A. and Eben S. Draper		$1,892.46

Hopedale Village Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

By Balance from last account		$2,997.46
To 1000 Southern Ry 4's 4/1/56 (18058)	$ 802.00	
1000 Pudget Sound Power & Light Co. 4-1/2's 12/1/72 M-17805	1,042.50	
1000 Am. Tel. and Tel. Co. 2-3/4% Bds. 1980	1.009.46	
Deposit Milford Sav. Bk. Book 52168	143.50	
	$2,997.46	$2,997.46

Detail of Cemetery Trust Fund

Burlingame Lot	$ 119.00
Sarah M. Whipple	119.00
Sally Whipple	119.00
Margaret Humphrey	297.44
Joseph B. Bancroft	595.00
Frank J. and Grace M. Dutcher	553.44
S. B. Holbrook	119.00
L. H. Ballou	237.95
Mary Draper	16.62
A. T. Field account Thwing Lot	178.45
P. W. Moody account Lot 45	59.50
W. G. Comstock	59.50
Mary J. Jaques	119.00
J. A. Edmands	119.00
George Scriven	77.32
George H. Cole	119.00
Frank H. French	89.24
	$2,997.46

Town Cemetery — Perpetual Care Fund

By Balance from last account		$ 294.41
Deposit Milford Sav. Bk. Book 52169	$ 294.41	
	$ 294.41	$ 294.41

Detail of Cemetery Fund

Estate of Emily Albee		$83.31
Estate of Medora Whitney		111.10
Estate of Lewis C. Gorton		100.00
	$ 294.41	$ 294.41

Summary of all Funds

Library Department	$71,771.83
Public Welfare Department	5,563.51
Park Department	1,892.46
Hopedale Village Cemetery	2,997.46
Town Cemetery	294.41
	$82,519.67

Summary of All Investments

2000 Pudget Sound P & L 4-1/4's Bonds, 12/1/72	$ 2,085.00
13000 U. S. Treas. 2½% Bonds, 1964-69	13,028.48
15000 Am. Tel & Tel. 2¾% Bds. 1980	15,141.85
16000 Am. Tel. & Tel. 2¾% Bds. 1980	15,816.93
6000 U. S. Treas. 2½% Bonds, 1967-72	6,000.00
111 Chic. Milw. St. P & Pacific Common Stock	6,951.55
24 Chic. Milw. St. P. & Pacific Preferred Stock	1,340.65
400 Chic. Milw. St. P. & Pacific Mtge. 4½% Income Bonds Series B-2044	406.04
12000 Southern Ry 4% Bonds, 1956	9,919.44
4000 B & O Railway 5% Bonds, 2000	4,098.53
Deposits in Milford Savings Bank	4,508.70
1000 B & M RR 1st Mtge. 4% Bonds Ser. RR Due 7/1/60	920.71
2500 B & M RR Income Mtge. Bonds, Ser. A 4½% Due 7/1/70	2,301.79
	$82,519.67

Income From Investments For Year

Ending December 31, 1953

		$2,616.98
Paid Library Department	$2,253.99	
Public Welfare Department	186.95	
Park Department	53.47	
Hopedale Village Cemetery	,114.12	
Town Cemetery	8.45	
	$2,616.98	$2,616.98

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED A. LOVEJOY, JR. Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

	Appropriations	Expenses	Balance
Salaries—			
Elected Town Officials	$ 2,900.00	$ 2,900.00	0.00
Town Counsel	500.00	500.00	0.00
Accounting Officer	400.00	400.00	0.00
General Administrative	6,500.00	5,627.59	872.41
Street Lights	6,600.00	6,454.52	145.48
Town Hall	5,000.00	4,384.77	615.23
Police	19,000.00	17,748.91	1,251.09
Insurance	6,000.00	5,474.88	525.12
Honor Roll	100.00	0.00	100.00
Cemetery, plus income from Trust Funds	208.45	191.92	16.53
Veteran's Relief	3,000.00	898.37	2,101.63
Interest on Borrowed money ..	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Memorial Day	300.00	300.00	0.00
Revaluation of Taxable Real Property	6,200.00	2,550.00	3,650.00
Civil Defense	1,060.34	702.22	358.12
Overlay Surplus	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00

C. VICTOR PEPPER
GEORGE W. LUNT
ASA A. WESTCOTT
Board of Selectmen

WATER DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

By Appropriation		$47,000.00
To Water Dept. Bonds retired	$14,000.00	
Interest on bonds	4,380.00	
General Expense	28,552.24	
Unexpended Balance	67.76	
	$47,000.00	$47,000.00

GEORGE W. LUNT
C. VICTOR PEPPER
ASA A. WESTCOTT
Board of Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

By Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Transferred from Surplus Account		500.00
To Vital Statistics	$ 217.00	
Forbes Press	1.40	
Milford Hospital	165.00	
St. Vincent Hospital	210.75	
Framingham Union Hospital	81.00	
The Memorial Hospital	645.48	
Dr. Eugene Allen	21.00	
A. H. Sweet & Co.	15.00	
Worcester County Sanatorium	142.50	
Unexpended Balance	.87	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

C. VICTOR PEPPER
GEORGE W. LUNT
ASA A. WESTCOTT
Board of Health.

REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

No Complaints

C. VICTOR PEPPER
ASA A. WESTCOTT
GEORGE W. LUNT
Fence Viewers.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

By Appropriation		$7,000.00
Trust Fund Interest		186.95
To Personal Aid in Hopedale		
Cash	$1,914.50	
Rent	125.00	
Medical	619.57	
Miscellaneous	93.25	
Disability Assistance	382.56	
Unexpended Balance	4,052.07	
	$7,186.95	$7,186.95

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE

By Appropriation		$600.00
To Services Rendered	$300.00	
Unexpended Balance	300.00	
	$600.00	$600.00

GEORGE W. LUNT
C. VICTOR PEPPER
ASA A. WESTCOTT
Board of Public Welfare.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

By Appropriation		$20,000.00
Federal Grants received		13,851.32
To Cash Aided in Hopedale		
From Appropriation	$14,842.23	
From Federal Grants	13,851.32	
Cash (Hopedale Settlements Aided Elsewhere)	1,306.53	
Unexpended Balance (Appropriation)	3,851.24	
	$33,851.32	$33,851.32

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE

By Appropriation		$ 2,200.00
Federal Grants Received		929.15
To Cash, Services rendered (From Appropriation)	$1,647.89	
Services Rendered (From Federal Grants)	818.75	
Unexpended Balance (Appropriation)	552.11	
Unexpended Balance (Federal Grants)	110.40	
	$3,129.15	$3,129.15

GEORGE W. LUNT
C. VICTOR PEPPER
ASA A. WESTCOTT
Board of Public Welfare
Bureau of Old Age Assistance.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Aid to Dependent Children

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

By Appropriation		$2,000.00
Federal Grants Received		515.00
To Cash (General Appropriation)	$ 749.40	
(Federal Grants)	247.05	
Unexpended Balance (Gen. Approp.)	1,250.60	
Unexpended Balance (Fed Grants)	267.95	
	$2,515.00	$2,515.00

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE

By Appropriation		$100.00
Federal Grants Received		17.86
To Cash (General Appropriations	$ 50.00	
(Federal Grants)	17.86	
Unexpended Balance (Gen. Approp.)	50.00	
	$ 117.86	$ 117.86

GEORGE W. LUNT
C. VICTOR PEPPER
ASA A. WESTCOTT
Board of Public Welfare
Aid to Dependent Children.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Bureau of Disability Assistance

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

From Public Welfare Funds		$382.56
Received from Federal Grants		104.14
To Cash (From Public Welfare Funds	$ 382.56	
(From Federal Grants)	104.14	
	$ 486.70	$ 486.70

GEORGE W. LUNT
C. VICTOR PEPPER
ASA A. WESTCOTT

Board of Public Welfare
Bureau of Disability Assistance.

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY

DECEMBER 31, 1953

Town House	$140,000.00
Town House lot	1,000.00
Town House, store fixtures	100.00
Town House, post office equipment	1,200.00

SCHOOLS

School House, Hopedale Street	$ 46,000.00
School House lot, ½ acre	600.00
School House, Dutcher Street	110,000.00
School House lot, 1 acre	1,200.00
School House, Park Street	90,000.00
School House lot, Park Street	1,000.00
General Draper High School Building, Adin Street	275,000.00
General Draper High School lot, Adin Street	2,000.00
2 School Buses	8,500.00

LIBRARY

Bancroft Memorial Library (Building)	$ 75,000.00
Public Library (Books and Fixtures)	35,000.00
Mrs. Susan Preston Draper Fountain	10,000.00
Library Lot	2,000.00

PARK

Band Stand, including Tools	$ 1,500.00
Comfort Station	1,500.00
Bath House	5,000.00
Shelters and Fireplaces	300.00
Land, 306 acres	22,300.00
Play Ground Equipment	2,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Apparatus	$ 75,425.00
Fire Station	120,000.00
Fire Station Lot	2,000.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Two Chevrolet Cruisers	$ 2,600.00
Equipment	1,000.00

TREE WARDEN

Small Tools and Materials	$ 100.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Buildings and Land	$ 30,000.00
Small Tools	1,500.00
Street Tractor and V Plow	900.00
Sidewalk Tractor and Plow (Rubber Tired)	1,000.00
Sidewalk Tractor and Plow	350.00
Dodge 4-Wheel Drive, 1 Ton Truck	900.00
G.M.C. 3 Ton Truck	1,100.00
Walter Snow Fighter	6,500.00
International 2 Ton Truck	3,300.00
Sand Spreaders (4)	1,000.00
Autocar 3 Ton Truck	150.00
Snow Removal Equipment	2,000.00
Grader and Road Drag	200.00
Sand Conveyor	800.00
Street Sweeper and Brooms	5,500.00
Snow Loader	3,500.00
Ford Overhead Loader	2,000.00
Leaf Collector	2,500.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

Mains, Hydrants, etc.	$134,700.00
Standpipe	52,600.00
Pumping Station Building	10,000.00
Wells and Suction Connections	24,500.00
Land	2,250.00
Machinery and Equipment	25,000.00
Ford Truck	1,000.00
Small Tools	1,200.00
	$251,250.00

C. VICTOR PEPPER
ASA A. WESTCOTT
GEORGE W. LUNT
Selectmen of Hopedale

Milton Franklin Doxey

BORN	DECEASED
APRIL 17, 1896	SEPT. 18, 1953

30 YEARS FAITHFUL SERVICE

TO

HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

CALL MAN	1919 AND 1920

RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT

SUBSTITUTE	1926, 1928, 1929
CALL MAN	1920 – 1943
DEPUTY CHIEF	1943 – 1953

REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

General Appropriations,		
Maintenance and Equipment		$ 38,000.00
Disbursements	$ 33,439.33	
Unexpended Balance	4,560.67	
	$ 38,000.00	$ 38,000.00
Brush Fires Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Disbursements	$ 785.42	
Unexpended Balance	214.58	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Hydrants Appropriation		$ 200.00
Disbursements	$ 150.00	
Unexpended Balance	50.00	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00
Fire Alarm System Appropriation		$ 800.00
Disbursements	$ 779.67	
Unexpended Balance	20.33	
	$ 800.00	$ 800.00
Hose Appropriation		$ 600.00
Disbursements	$ 599.78	
Unexpended Balance	.22	
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

C. A. WATSON
J. J. GRANT
A. F. NEALLEY
Board of Fire Engineers

ROSTER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

1953

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

CHARLES A. WATSON, Chief
JOSEPH J. GRANT, Deputy Chief
*MILTON F. DOXEY, Deputy Chief
ARNOLD F. NEALLEY, Deputy Chief (9-24-53)
Clerk for Engineers—MORTIMER C. DENNETT
*Deceased 9-18-53

MEMBERS

ENGINE COMPANY NO. 4

Alfred Clement, Capt.
Freeman L. Hammond, Lt.
John Turner, Clerk
Fred Sears
Wm. M. Campbell
Kenneth Boudreau
Frank Dowdell
Thomas Spencer
Herbert Durgin
Joseph Alves

Substitutes

Harold Mc. Gonigle

COMBINATION COMPANY NO. 1

Richard Meade, Capt.
Wm. T. Campbell, Jr., Lt.
Alfred Alves, Clerk
Fred Lee
Wm. E. Grant
Fred Husted
Herbert Farrar
Simeon T. Godin, Jr.
Robert Hammond
M. Russell Dennett

Substitutes

John M. Grady
Alec Yones

LADDER COMPANY NO. 1

David L. Lescoe, Capt.
Stanley E. Barrows, Lt. & Clerk
Davis Sanborn
Robert F. Alger
Henry Cyr
Henry L. Cyr
Gustaf Safstrom
Kenneth H. Henderson

Substitutes

Fred Lescoe
Rolland J. Morin

DRIVERS

Waina M. Erickson
Alfred J. Bliss
Donald F. Washburn
Edward J. Collins
Ernest H. Grady
Walter G. Alger

Tel. Attendant
Alfred H. Allen

SPARE DRIVERS

Freeman L. Hammond
John Turner

PROPERTY

Aerial Ladder	$12,000.00
Combination No. 1	7,000.00
Combination No. 2	4,500.00
Combination No. 3	2,000.00
Engine No. 4	7,500.00
Chevrolet Pick-up	1,300.00
Fire Alarm Telegraph	22,000.00
7000 Feet 2½ in. hose	8,000.00
1900 Feet 1½ in. hose	6,000.00
2500 Feet 1 in. hose	1,000.00
200 Feet ¾ in. hose	125.00
Extinguishers, Supplies, Etc.	1,500.00
2 Way Radio	2,500.00
	$75,425.00

RECORD OF FIRES

1953

Jan.	22,	9:59 A.M.	Inhalator 7 Park St.
Jan.	30,	12:40 P.M.	Grass fire 67 Mill St.
Feb.	24,	1:15 P.M.	Cover in for Milford
Feb.	24,	3:00 P.M.	Brush fire 113 Dutcher St.
Feb.	26,	2:05 P.M.	Fire at Rosenfelds Plain St.
Feb.	27,	3:28 P.M.	Oil burner fire 47 Mellen St
March	3,	1:42 P.M.	Rescue Dog in pond
Marah	6,	1:25 P.M.	Grass fire Nelson St.
March	9,	9:03 A.M.	Grass fire Hartford Ave.
March	11,	6:20 P.M.	Grass fire 75 Greene St.
March	14,	2:40 P.M.	Oil burner fire 38 Daniels St.
March	14,	3:15 P.M.	Pumped for Hwy. Dept. Greene St.
March	14,	5:10 P.M.	Cover in for Milford
March	15,	7:15 A.M.	Oil burner fire 19 Bancroft Park
March	16,	8:45 A.M.	Pumped for Hwy. Dept. Greene St.
March	21,	9:30 A.M.	Grass fire 332 So. Main St.
March	24,	9:40 A.M.	Wash Gas From Roadway Mendon St.
March	25,	1:40 P.M.	Dept. 17 Draper Corp.
March	25,	7:20 P.M.	Emergency call 139 Mendon St.
April	4,	2:30 P.M.	Brush fire 119 Greene St.
April	5,	6:45 P.M.	Rescue cat Peace St.
April	11,	9:30 A.M.	Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.
April	17,	4:45 P.M.	Dump fire Freedom St.
April	17,	5:15 P.M.	Brush fire Freedom St.
April	18,	10:00 A.M.	Protective burning Freedom St.
April	23,	4:00 P.M.	Brush fire Freedom St.
May	4,	5:00 P.M.	Draper Corp. 37 Dutcher St.
May	5,	12:45 A.M.	Cover in at Milford
May	6,	7:40 A.M.	Draper Corp. Truck rear of Main Office
May	7,	4:20 P.M.	T.V. fire 333 So. Main St.
May	10,	10:10 P.M.	34 Adin St.
June	2,	10:40 A.M.	Truck fire West St.
June	3,	2:25 P.M.	Grass fire Hammond Road
June	9,	1:05 P.M.	Dump fire Freedom St.

June	9,	10:10 P.M.	Called to Westboro with lighting plant
June	11,	11:00 A.M.	Brush fire Hammond Road
June	20,	12:00 A.M.	Barn fire Mendon
June	23,	4:40 P.M.	Dept. 7 Draper Corp.
June	24,	11:45 A.M.	Grass fire Filter Beds So. Main St.
July	20,	12:15 P.M.	Brush fire Rear of Bancroft Park
July	20,	9:15 P.M.	Gas leaking 115 Freedom St.
July	26,	10:00 P.M.	Box 15 False Alarm
July	26,	10:03 P.M.	Box 51 False Alarm
Aug.	8,	6:55 P.M.	Brush fire Thomas St.
Aug.	8,	8:40 P.M.	Dump fire Freedom St.
Aug.	10,	7:40 P.M.	Rescue cat 131 Mill St.
Aug.	12,	2:00 P.M.	Grass fire Mill St.
Aug.	13,	4:50 P.M.	Dump fire Freedom St.
Aug.	14,	10:30 P.M.	Paint Dept. Draper Corp.
Aug.	19,	3:00 A.M.	Inhalator 74 Bancroft Park
Aug.	24,	7:15 A.M.	Fire under Hope St. Bridge
Aug.	28,	7:45 P.M.	Oil burner fire 12 Progress St.
Sept.	6,	3:45 P.M.	Inhalator 11 Maple St.
Sept.	11,	8:40 A.M.	Flash fire 45 Bancroft Park
Sept.	24,	11:50 A.M.	Truck fire Freedom St. dump
Oct.	1,	5:30 P.M.	Fire at 55 Adin St.
Oct.	3,	3:25 P.M.	Brush fire Hartford Ave.
Oct.	4,	11:00 A.M.	Same as above
Oct.	8,	7:15 P.M.	Dump fire Freedom St.
Oct.	14,	2:45 P.M.	Brush fire near Pumping Station
Oct.	15,	1:15 A.M.	Called to help Milford F.D. Cline Bldg, Main St.
Oct.	15,	1:50 P.M.	Grass fire 20 Mellen St.
Oct.	16,	7:55 P.M.	Leaves on fire 102 Greene St.
Oct.	17,	2:30 P.M.	Oil burner fire 96 Freedom St.
Oct.	17,	6:30 P.M.	Protective burning Freedom St. dump
Oct.	22,	5:10 P.M.	Grass fire Danna Park
Nov.	4,	1:45 P.M.	Brush fire Freedom St.
Nov.	5,	6:45 P.M.	Automobile fire Williams St.
Nov.	7,	4:55 A.M.	Back draft 3 Hammond Road

Nov.	20,	8:55	A.M.	Brush fire Rear of So. Main St.
Nov.	21,	11:40	A.M.	Brush fire Rear of Bancroft Park
Nov.	27,	3:20	P.M.	Inhalator to Pipe line Mendon St.
Dec.	2,	1:50	P.M.	Grass fire rear of V.F.W. Home Mill St.
Dec.	6,	12:30	P.M.	Dump fire Freedom St.
Dec.	9,	8:30	P.M.	Oil burner fire 22 Prospect St.
Dec.	18,	11:00	A.M.	Back draft 3 Hammond Road
Dec.	26,	1:50	P.M.	Brush fire rear of 18 Prospect St.
Dec.	27,	10:30	A.M.	Grass fire rear of 260 So. Main St.

HOPEDALE FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH SYSTEM

Box	
12	South Main Street — Near Green Store
13	South Main Street — Corner Warfield Street
14	South Main Street — Corner Mellen Street
15	South Main Street — Near Tire Shop
16	South Main Street — Corner Plain Street
17	South Main Street — Milford Line
21	Draper Corp. — Garage
23	Draper Corp. — Pattern Safe
24	Hopedale Street — Corner Freedom Street
25	Draper Corp. — Dept. 3 & 9
26	Hopedale Street — Corner Union Street
27	Draper Corp. — Main Door
28	Draper Corp. — Dept. 8
29	Draper Corp. — Foundry Office
31	Dutcher Street — Opposite J. N. Stanas
32	Northrop Street — Corner Park Street
33	Freedom Street — Corner Dutcher Street
41	Freedom Street — Corner Progress Street
42	Bancroft Park — West Side
51	Plain Street — Rosenfeld Sandpit
114	Mendon Street — Corner Hill Street
115	Mendon Street — Opposite Hammond Road

121 Mendon Street — Near Highland Street
122 Daniels Street — Corner Highland Street
124 Adin Street
131 Hopedale Street — Corner Green Street
132 Hopedale Street — Opposite Twing Street
133 Hopedale Street — Corner Mendon Street
134 Hopedale Street — Corner Adin Street
135 Hopedale Street — Corner Hope Street
141 Mellen Street — Corner Howard Street
312 Dutcher Street — Near Elm Street
313 Dutcher Street — Corner Dennett Street
314 Park Street School
322 Northrop Street — Corner Freedom Street
331 Union Street — Corner Prospect Street
344 Dutcher Street — Near The Driftway
411 Lake Street
413 Freedom Street — West of Bridge
421 Hope Street Coal & Ice Company Office
512 Plain Street — Corner Mill Street
513 Mill Street — Between Green and Plain Streets
514 Mill Street — Westcott's Mill
515 Mill Street — Mendon Line

PHANTOM BOXES

71 Overdale Parkway
311 Inman Street

GENERAL SIGNALS

1 Blast — Chief of Department, or Squad Call

2 Blasts — All Out, or Recall

8 Blasts — Forest Fire, or House Call

The No-School signal is 2-2-2-2. When the No-School signal is sounded at 7:30 A. M. it closes all schools for the day. When the No-School signal is sounded at 7:45 A. M., it closes the kinder-

garten and grades one through six for all day, but the junior and senior high schools will be in session. When the No-School signal is sounded at 12:30 P. M. it closes the kindergarten and grades one through six for the afternoon.

Box Tests Saturdays at 5:30 P. M. — One Round

Phone — Central Station 670

Chief — 381

C. A. WATSON
J. J. GRANT
A. F. NEALLEY
Board of Fire Engineers.

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

At our Annual Town Meeting in 1953 it was voted that Hopedale property should be revalued by an outside firm qualified in that particular field. Accordingly, the J. M. Cleminshaw Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, specialists in that line, have been retained and have revalued all real property and taxable public utilities within the town.

Reasons for doing this include bringing all property assessments into line thereby to correct inequities which may have crept in over a period of years and to provide for local assessors a system by which they may more effectively carry on in years to come.

Briefly the system employed has first resulted in establishing for each piece of taxable property a fair market value as of 1953. Factors considered in pricing at local reproduction cost less depreciation, however caused, are: type of structure, purpose, quality of construction, facilities, size of building and lot, age, improvements, location, obsolescence and physical depreciation. Industrial property has been appraised according to local replacement value giving consideration to location, plant layout, surplus construction and depreciation due to obsolescence, inadequacy and other factors.

Once determined, these current values have been reduced for assessment purposes. At present, assessed valuation is set at 40% of actual.

As a result of this work all property values have been brought into line as of the present time. Our assessors have a system set up for them by which they may continue their work more effectively and will be able to make future adjustments or determine valuation for new construction more accurately and equitably. Finally, the 40% assessed valuation makes it possible for the Town to lower its tax rate very appreciably.

GEORGE W. LUNT
RAYMOND SMETHURST
IRVIN G. AMMEN
Board of Assessors

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Valuation of Real Estate excluding Land			$3,768,625.00
Valuation of Real Estate excluding Buildings			357,000.00
Total Valuation of Real Estate			$4,125,625.00
Valuation of Personal Property			213,085.00
Total Valuation			$4,338,710.00
Tax Rate per $1,000	$52.00		
Tax on Real Estate		$214,532.61	
Tax on Personal Property		11,080.42	
Number of Polls Assessed	1285		
Tax on Each Poll	$2.00		
Tax on Polls		2,570.00	
Committed on 1952 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax at $48.25 per $1,000		3,512.24	
Committed on 1953 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax at $50.42 per $1,000		33,276.55	
Total Amount Raised by Taxation			264,971.82
Corporation Tax, Business 1953			102,210.14
Income Tax, 1953			40,094.15
Meals Tax			651.89
Town Hall Rent			3,229.00
Water Department			39,542.91
Aid to Dependent Children (Other than Federal Grants)			26.70
Old Age Assistance (Other than Federal Grants)			10,921.97
Disability Assistance			116.60
Veteran's Benefits			366.50
Schools			8,050.68
			$470,182.36

Number of Persons Assessed on Property	1,083
Number of Polls Assessed	1,285
Number of Horses Assessed	7
Number of Cows Assessed	10
Number of Swine Assessed	42
Number of Fowl Assessed	3,335
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	2,852
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	826
Population	3,733

GEORGE W. LUNT
RAYMOND SMETHURST
IRVIN G. AMMEN
Assessors

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

1952 TAXES

Motor Vehicle Excise

To Uncollected at last report	$582.77	
Committed for Collection	3,512.24	
Abated after payment—refunded	101.47	
Interest collected	.31	
By Cash paid to A. A. Lovejoy, Jr., Treasurer		$4,095.32
Taxes Abated		101.47
	$4,196.79	$4,196.79

1953 TAXES

Poll

To Committed for Collection	$2,570.00	
Interest collected	7.93	
By Cash paid to A. A. Lovejoy, Jr., Treasurer		$2,119.93
Taxes Abated		458.00
	$2,577.93	$2,577.93

Personal Estate

To Committed for Collection	$11,080.42	
By Cash paid to A. A. Lovejoy, Jr., Treasurer		$11,059.62
Taxes Abated		20.80
	$11,080.42	$11,080.42

Real Estate

To Committed for Collection	$214,532.61	
Interest collected	30.92	
By Cash paid to A. A. Lovejoy, Jr., Treasurer		$211,673.81
Taxes Abated		2,889.72
	$214,563.53	$214,563.53

Sewer Assessments

To Committed for Collection	$440.00	
By Cash paid to A. A. Lovejoy, Jr., Treasurer		$440.00
	$440.00	$440.00

Motor Vehicle Excise

To Committed for Collection	$33,276.55	
Interest collected	4.39	
Abated after payment—refunded	586.67	
By Cash paid to A. A. Lovejoy, Jr., Treasurer		$29,611.44
Taxes abated		1,827.64
Uncollected		2,428.53
	$33,867.61	$33,867.61

SHIRLEY E. HOLMES,
Tax Collector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Hopedale, Massachusetts, December 31, 1953.

To the Board of Selectmen
Hopedale, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit to you my report as Inspector of Animals for the year ending December 31, 1953.

I have inspected all neat cattle, horses and swine and premises where same are kept. I have sent my report to the State.

Sixteen dogs have been quarantined as required by law after having bitten people.

Respectfully submitted,
W. CHESTER SANBORN
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Hopedale, Massachusetts, December 31, 1953.

To the Board of Selectmen, Hopedale Mass.:

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Slaughtering I have had no inspections to make during the year ending December 31, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,
W. CHESTER SANBORN
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Hopedale, Massachusetts, December 31, 1953.

To the Board of Selectmen
Hopedale, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit to you my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1953.

I have tested and sealed the following scales, weights and measures.

9 Platform scales over 10,000 lbs.
44 Platform scales 5,000 to 10,000 lbs.
44 Scales under 100 lbs.
17 Weights.
11 Gasoline pumps.
4 Vehicle tanks (Meters over 1 in.)
3 Bulk stations (Meters over 1 in.)
1 Yard stick

I have inspected:
12 Milk trucks.
23 Peddler's licenses.
6 Peddler's scales.

I have made periodic inspections of the stores to check the weights of their packaged products and have no complaints.

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer $145.55.

Respectfully submitted,
W. CHESTER SANBORN
Sealer of Weights & Measures.

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1953

PLAYGROUND

There was continued and increased interest again this year in various playground activities.

Particular interest was noted in Jewel-craft and games ie dominoes, checkers, etc. which were added attractions this year.

The playground program has developed into an all day affair. Organized classes and contests were held in the morning with free-play and childrens games popular in the afternoon.

An attendant was on duty three evenings a week to help with badminton, volley ball, archery and basketball which were often popular at this time.

There was active interest in tennis this year among the younger groups of children.

Improvements made during the past year:
Installed new surface on one more tennis court.

SWIMMING

There was increased interest in swimming this year with 13,718 registering at the bath-house which is an increase of 1,893 over the previous year.

A total of 128 children and adults passed various swimming tests:

Beginners	41
Intermediates	38

Swimmers	23
Advanced Swimmers	11
Junior Life Saving	9
Senior Life Saving	6

The annual exhibitions and races were held with awards of ribbons, medals and trophies.

The swimming team went to Whitin Community Center for one meet.

Improvements made during the past year:

Installed new swimming ramps and diving boards.

RESERVATION

The usual clearing of brush and undergrowth continues in the reservation.

Several particular areas have been improved by intensive clearing to beautify the park lands and elimate fire hazards.

Improvemets made during the past year:

1. Planted 500 small pine and spruce trees in the reservation. (Planting done by Hopedale Boy Scouts, Troop I)

2. Pond spraying by helicopter to eliminate weeds.

3. Fill in and seed area north of the bath-house.

Contemplated Improvements for 1954.

1. Methods of weed elimination in the pond are still under investigation. Further spraying depends on results of work done this year.

2. More small pine and spruce trees are to be planted in the early spring.

3. A small addition to the new swimming ramp is felt necessary to facilitate use of a small diving board.

4. Install new surface on last tennis court.

5. Benches and tables at Park play area.

6. One small building for storage facilities.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriations	$14,000.00
Receipts & Transfers	393.47
Total	14,393.47
Expenditures	14,266.06
Balance	127.41

For details see Treasurers Report

Respectfully submitted
THOMAS H. WEST
L. MARSHALL NEWELL
WARREN D. ARNOLD, JR.
Park Commissioners

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		$157,550.00
Expenditures:		
Supervision	$9,689.12	
Teachers	102,559.64	
Textbooks	3,688.71	
Stationery and Supplies	6,897.79	
Janitors	9,313.59	
Fuel	4,781.30	
Janitors' Supplies	3,433.29	
Repairs	6,610.48	
Promotion of Health	1,500.00	
Transportation	4,962.55	
Miscellaneous	2,941.89	
New Equipment	1,171.54	
Unexpended	.10	
		$157,550.00

RECEIPTS

Tuition	$208.00	
Partial reimbursement for amounts paid to teachers for the year ending June 30, 1953	18,518.51	
Partial reimbursement for amounts expended for transportation during the year ending June 30, 1953	1,141.84	
Tuition of State minor wards	3,520.21	
		$23,388.56

Special Appropriation for Repairs

Balance on Hand January 1, 1953	$88.70	
Appropriation	30,000.00	
	———	$30,088.70
Expenditures	$29,966.62	
Unexpended	122.08	
	———	$30,088.70

High School Lunchroom

Receipts	$1,103.07	
Appropriation	1,500.00	
	———	$2,603.07
Payments	$2,274.41	
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	328.66	
	———	$2,603.07

High School Athletic Association Fund

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	$239.77	
Receipts January 1–December 31, 1953	536.75	
	———	$776.52
Payments	$426.51	
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	350.01	
	———	$776.52

Vocational School Tuition

Appropriation		$6,500.00

Expenditures

City of Worcester	$580.00	
Norfolk County Agricultural School	4,543.27	
Town of Framingham	55.80	
Transportation of Vocational Pupils	1,317.50	
Unexpended	3.43	
	———	$6,500.00

Receipts

Receipts on account of expenditures for tuition and transportation to Vocational Schools for the year ending August 31, 1952	$1,540.81

JOHN W. HUTCHINSON, Chairman
HAMILTON W. THAYER
FRANCES P. HORTON
School Committee

SCHOOL DIRECTORY, 1953-1954

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Donald S. Dow, Office in High School Building
Residence, 6 Inman Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts

TEACHERS

HIGH SCHOOL	*Subject or Grade*	*Local Address*
Winburn A. Dennett, Prin.	Mathematics	5 Dennett Street
Sewall M. Drisko, Asst. Prin.	Social Studies	28 Prospect Street
Linwood L. Workman, Jr.	Science	22 Prospect Street
Lucille R. Ambler	Commercial	37 Adin Street
Frances L. Holmes	English	141 Green Street
Waldren P. Lojko	Commercial, Coach	N. Main St., East Douglas
Georgia R. Merriman	Home Economics	37 Dutcher Street
Muriel E. Tinkham	Modern Languages	10 Highland Street
Ernest F. Miller	Industrial Arts	12 Soward Street
Rachel C. Day	Librarian	17 Daniels Street
DUTCHER STREET SCHOOL		
William M. Kimball, Prin.	Grade 8	80 Dutcher Street
Barbara J. McQuade	Grade 8	18 Haynes St., Worcester
Robert A. Berquist	Grade 7	18 Maple Street
Jessie L. Gover	Grade 6	19 Hopedale Street
Frances L. Durgin	Grade 6	118 Dutcher Street
Mildred E. Cressey	Grade 5	847 Washington St., Holliston
Gilbert R. Tibolt	Grade 5	29 Oak Street
Jean S. McLeod	Grade 4	48 Bancroft Park
Elizabeth A. Gallant	Grade 1	48 Bancroft Park
CHAPEL STREET SCHOOL		
Georgia E. Wells	Grade 3	Overdale Parkway
Regina M. Metcalf	Grade 2	2 Mendon Street
Velzora Glenn	Grade 1	16 Union Street
Frances W. Rae	Kindergarten	115 Mill Street
Margaret L. Stanas	Kindergarten	187 Dutcher Street
PARK STREET SCHOOL		
Elizabeth J. Mongeon, Head Teacher	Grade 4	180 Dutcher Street
M. Cecelia Farrell	Grade 3	105 Dutcher Street
Iona M. Crowell	Grade 2	37 Dutcher Street
Elsie J. Craib	Grade 1	West Upton, Mass.
SUPERVISORS		
F. Carlton Miner	Physical Education	48 Hopedale Street
Allegrine Guez Reid	Music	7 Tocci Path, Newton Center
Jane D. Bohlin	Art	34½ Claflin St., Milford
Meta L. Smith	Remedial Reading	34½ Claflin St., Milford
SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND SCHOOL NURSE		
John T. Pollard, M.D.	School Physician	41 Adin Street
Grace V. Moran, R.N.	School Nurse	219 Main St., Milford
SCHOOL JANITORS		
Harold S. Goodrich	High School	Upton, Mass.
Kenneth F. Gibbs	Dutcher & Chapel St. Schools	17 Hopedale Street
Thorald J. Wells	Park Street School	Overdale Parkway
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
John W. Hutchinson		52 Freedom Street
Hamilton W. Thayer		25 Highland Street
Frances P. Horton		8 Park Street
SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY		
Miriam N. Bullard	Supt's Office	10 Forest St., Milford

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1953-54

FALL TERM

September 9, 1953	All Schools open
October 12, 1953	Columbus Day—All Schools close
November 6, 1953	Teachers' Convention—All Schools close
November 11, 1953	Armistice Day—All Schools close
November 26 & 27, 1953	Thanksgiving Recess All Schools close
December 18, 1953	Elementary Schools close for vacation
December 23, 1953	High School closes for vacation

FIRST WINTER TERM

January 4, 1954	All Schools reopen
February 19, 1954	All Schools close for vacation

SECOND WINTER TERM

March 1, 1954	All Schools reopen
April 16, 1954	Good Friday—All Schools close
April 19, 1954	Patriot's Day—All Schools close
April 23, 1954	All Schools close for vacation

SPRING TERM

May 3, 1954	All Schools reopen
May 31, 1954	Memorial Day—All Schools close
June 18, 1954	Elementary Schools close for vacation
June 23, 1954	High School closes for vacation

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL

GRADUATION

OF THE

HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

COMMUNITY HOUSE

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 1953

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

PROGRAM

Music—(a) Without a Song ..... *Vincent Youmans*
(b) An Annapolis Lullaby ..... *Gustav Klemm*
(c) O Western Wind ..... *Joseph W. Clokey*
(d) My Lovely Annina .... *Folk Song arranged by Bourdon*

GLEE CLUB

Accompanist, Janet L. Cox

Invocation

Reverend Albert Edward Hutchison

Class History

Janet Marie Hixon

Yes, the World is Still Good

Robert Lee Johnson

Class Prophecy

Claire Norma Massey

Getting the Most out of High School Years

Barbara Anne Eaton

Presentation of Diplomas
Superintendent Donald Sherman Dow

Presentation of Awards
Principal Winburn Albert Dennett '14

Class Song
Music—Barbara A. Eaton *Words*—George S. Hobart

GRADUATES

John Edward Bonin
Shirley Anne Bresciani
Thomas William Dawe
Barbara Anne Eaton *
Myrtle Irene Fuller
Elizabeth Van Orden Gibbs
Richard Cutler Goddard
Daniel Joseph Gorman
Gerald Whitney Hazard
James Duncan Harris
Janet Marie Hixon *
George Samuel Hobart
Robert Lee Johnson *
Jacquelyn LaRhette *
Robert Irving Lemon
Mary Regina Litchfield
Claire Norma Massey *
Nancy Jane Miner
Ellen Priscilla Morey
Mildred Theresa Noe
Kenneth Palmer
James Allen Pickard
Barbara-Jean Allison Sanborn
Lawrence Clifton Smith
Jeryl Ann Spencer
Lenore Courtney Young

* Honors: 85 to 89

CLASS OFFICERS

President, James Allen Pickard
Vice-President, James Duncan Harris
Secretary, Janet Marie Hixon
Treasurer, Claire Norma Massey

Class Motto: "Tonight We Launch—
Where Shall We Anchor?

Class Colors: Royal Blue and White

Class Flower: White Rose

PRIZE AWARDS

Hopedale High School

43rd ANNUAL PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

APRIL 8, 1953

First Prize, $15.00 ..... George S. Hobart
Second Prize, $10.00 ..... Donald E. Seastrom
Third Prize, $5.00 ..... Barbara A. Eaton

Hopedale High School Alumni Association

Alumni Scholarship Awards, $300.00 each,
Janet M. Hixon, James A. Pickard

Hopedale Community House Woman's Club

Scholarship Award, $150.00 ..... Janet M. Hixon

The Queena S. Draper Award, $50.00

For improvement in scholarship during
the four years in High School ..... Kenneth Palmer

American Legion Auxiliary Award, $25.00 Bond

For good citizenship shown in school ..... Janet M. Hixon

American Legion Award, $25.00 Bond

For good citizenship shown in school ..... James A. Pickard

Edward Clifton Burnham Award, $5.00

For excellence in foreign languages ..... Janet M. Hixon

Raymond Piper Award, $5.00 each

For excellence in science
Wayne A. Kearsley, Janet M. Hixon

Daughters of the American Revolution

Good citizenship pilgrimage, awarded to the senior girl outstanding in dependability, leadership, service, and patriotism ..... Janet M. Hixon

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal

For excellence in science and mathematics ..... Walter E. Goddard

Bausch and Lomb Medal

For excellence in science ..... Janet M. Hixon

Milford-Boston University Club Award, $250.00

For scholarship, leadership, service, and character,
Daniel J. Gorman, Jr.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Essay Contest:

First Prize, $25.00 ..... Barbara A. Eaton
Second Prize, $15.00 ..... Janet M. Hixon
Third Prize, $10.00 ..... George S. Hobart

Class of 1952 Plaque

For senior who has done the most for his class .... James A. Pickard

Commercial Award, $5.00

For excellence in Commercial subjects ..... Anne L. Hayes

Hopedale Junior High School

American Legion School Award Medals

For Boys ..... William N. Ohlson, Jr.
For Girls ..... Helga Elizabeth Rothman

GRADUATES OF

HOPEDALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Geraldine Avis Alger
David Beard
Glenis Lillian Ann Bishop
Peter Lane Briggs
Mary Ann Carter
Edgar Hamilton Cassidy
Lucille Eleanor D'Alio
Marcia Ann Dee
Janet Louise DeLoia
David Michael DiSabito
Betty Lou Earle
Mary Theresa Federici
Frances Elizabeth Fogan
Patricia Gillon
Sandra Ann Hattersley
Maureen Ellen Hutchison
Robert Iacovelli
Robert Lawrence Knox
Sally Scofield Lawrence
Donald Eugene Lipsky
Ann Mallard
Donna Lee McGonigle
Jean Pauline Norman
William Newton Ohlson, Jr.
Patricia Irene Perry
John Francis Rice
Roger Wayne Robbins
Helga Elizabeth Rothman
Judith Scribner
Mary Lou Siipola
Rosanne Testa

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

No pupil may enter the kindergarten unless he will be five years old on or before December 31. New pupils will be registered in May.

No pupil may enter grade one unless he will be six years old on or before December 31.

When a pupil first enters the public schools of the Town of Hopedale he must present a birth certificate and a vaccination certificate.

Any pupils who has been out of school on account of any contagious disease shall not return to school unless he has secured from the attending physician, or the school physician, or his representative, a health certificate stating that all danger of contagion is over.

The No-School signal is 2-2-2-2. When the No-School signal is sounded at 7:15 A.M., it closes all schools for all day. When the No-School signal is sounded at 7:30 A.M., it closes the Kindergarten and grades one through six for all day, but the junior and senior high schools will be in session. When the No-School signal is sounded at 12:30 P.M., it closes the kindergarten and grades one through six for the afternoon. An effort will be made to have the signal announced on radio stations WTAG, WBZA and WKOX.

AGE-GRADE ENROLLMENT TABLE,* OCT. 1, 1953

BOYS

AGE	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
GRADE																	
Kindergarten (A.M.)	8	9															17
Kindergarten (P.M.)	4	15															19
Grade 1 Chapel		5	15														20
Grade 1 Park		5	13	1													19
Grade 2 Chapel			2	15													17
Grade 2 Park			4	15	2												21
Grade 3 Chapel				5	12	1											18
Grade 3 Park				4	13	1											18
Grade 4 Dutcher					1	12	4										17
Grade 4 Park					1	16	3		1								21
Grade 5 Dutcher (C)							17	2	2								21
Grade 5 Dutcher (T)							13	2									15
Grade 6 Dutcher (G)							1	7	3		1						12
Grade 6 Dutcher (D)							2	8	1								11
Grade 7 Dutcher								1	24	3	3						31
Grade 8 Dutcher (K)									1	11		1					13
Grade 8 Dutcher (M)										11	2	1					14
Grade 9 High School										3	6	2	1				12
Grade 10 High School											2	11	1				14
Grade 11 High School												1	12	4			17
Grade 12 High School														6	2	1	9
Totals	12	34	34	40	29	30	40	20	32	28	14	16	14	10	2	1	356

AGE-GRADE ENROLLMENT TABLE,* OCT. 1, 1953

GIRLS

AGE	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
GRADE																	
Kindergarten (A.M.)	4	16															20
Kindergarten (P.M.)	6	14															20
Grade 1 Chapel		7	14														21
Grade 1 Park		9	13														22
Grade 2 Chapel			3	17													20
Grade 2 Park			4	12													16
Grade 3 Chapel				4	10												14
Grade 3 Park				5	8	1											14
Grade 4 Dutcher					3	9	3										15
Grade 4 Park					2	8	2										12
Grade 5 Dutcher (C)						1	11	2									14
Grade 5 Dutcher (T)								19									19
Grade 6 Dutcher (G)							1	11									12
Grade 6 Dutcher (D)								13									13
Grade 7								3	12								15
Grade 8 Dutcher (K)									1	7	3						11
Grade 8 Dutcher (M)									3	6							9
Grade 9 High School										3	15	1					19
Grade 10 High School											4	19	2				25
Grade 11 High School												3	14	2			19
Grade 12 High School													1	12	3		16
Totals	10	46	34	38	23	19	17	48	16	16	22	23	17	14	3	0	346

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1952-1953

Schools	Total Enrollment		Aggregate Attendance	Average Attendance	Average Membership	Net Average Membership	Enrollment Oct. 1, 1952		Enrollment by Ages October 1, 1952					Per Cent of Attendance
	Boys	Girls					Boys	Girls	Under 5	5-7	7-14	14-16	16-21	
High School	66	75	23470	131	136	133	66	75	0	0	6	71	64	96
Dutcher Street School														
Grade 8-K	10	22	5284	30	31	30	10	22	0	0	29	3	0	97
Grade 7-S	14	9	3961	21	23	23	14	9	0	0	23	0	0	96
Grade 7-B	14	9	3879	22	23	19	14	9	0	0	22	1	0	98
Grade 6-G	23	10	5056	29	31	31	22	10	0	0	32	0	0	95
Grade 5-6	15	17	4727	27	29	27	14	17	0	0	31	0	0	94
Grade 5	19	14	5057	29	30	29	19	13	0	0	32	0	0	96
Grade 4	15	20	5496	32	34	34	14	20	0	0	34	0	0	94
Chapel Street School														
Grade 3	15	16	4771	28	29	28	15	15	0	0	30	0	0	95
Grade 2	17	17	5055	29	32	32	17	15	0	7	25	0	0	92
Grade 1	20	20	6048	35	38	38	20	19	0	39	0	0	0	92
Kindergarten (A.M.)	18	21	5716	33	37	36	18	21	8	31	0	0	0	90
Kindergarten (P.M.)	19	21	5978	34	38	37	17	20	10	27	0	0	0	91
Park Street School														
Grade 4	23	15	5868	34	36	34	23	15	0	0	38	0	0	94
Grade 3	21	14	5407	31	33	29	19	14	0	0	33	0	0	95
Grade 2	17	13	4757	27	28	28	17	13	0	9	21	0	0	96
Grade 1	23	16	5826	34	36	34	23	13	0	34	2	0	0	94
Totals	349	329	106356	606	644	622	342	320	18	147	358	75	64	94

Sixty-eighth Annual Report

of

The Bancroft Memorial Library

Hopedale, Massachusetts

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1953

TRUSTEES

HENRY BILLINGS, 2nd ..... Term expires 1953
REV. JB HOLLIS TEGARDEN ..... Term expires 1954
Harry A. BILLINGS, Chairman ..... Term expires 1955

LIBRARIAN

RACHEL C. DAY, Sept., 1943–Sept., 1953
IRENE H. FERGUSON, September, 1953

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

MARJORIE HATTERSLEY

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

EDNA L. DAMON, September, 1943

Part Time Assistants

Eleanor Zajac

Jenny Gray

SOUTH HOPEDALE BRANCH

LIBRARIAN

CONSTANCE G. JONES, February, 1949

JANITOR

JAMES H. YOUNG

THE BANCROFT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953

Receipts:

General Appropriation	$6,500.00	
Dog Tax	571.69	
		$7,071.69

Income from Funds:

Bancroft Fund	70.32	
Sarah M. Whipple Fund	35.16	
Bancroft-Day Fund (Lura Bancroft Day)	169.95	
Bancroft-Day Fund (Ruth Day Williams)	717.45	
Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft Fund	630.22	
Frances E. Coburn Fund	316.01	
Anna M., Lilla B., and Lura B. Bancroft Fund	314.88	
Beatrice Robinson Billings Fund	200.00	
Balance, 1952	94.29	
		2,548.28
		9,619.97

Expenditures:

From Appropriations:

Books	424.16
Periodicals	253.28
Salaries	5,445.00

Lighting	221.91	
Heating	300.00	
Telephone	77.60	
Supplies	54.79	
Sundries	294.95	
		$7,071.69
From Funds and Interest:		
Books	391.93	
Periodicals	3.00	
Salaries	774.90	
Lighting	19.55	
Heating	100.00	
Telephone	16.85	
Sundries	129.63	
		$1,435.86
		$8,507.55
Balance, December 31, 1953, from Trust Funds		$1,112.42
		$9,619.97

Books bought in 1953

Bancroft Fund	11
Whipple Fund	24

STATEMENT OF FUNDS

NAME	DONOR	Date	Purpose	Principal of Funds	Balance Income Dec. 31 1952	Income 1953	Expended 1953	Balance Dec. 31 1953
Bancroft Fund	Joseph B. Bancroft and Sylvia W. Bancroft $1000 Joseph B. Bancroft $1000	Sept. 11 1897 Mar. 9 1910	Books	$2,230.32	$.....	$70.32	$70.32	$.....
Sarah M. Whipple Fund	Lilla Bancroft Bracken	Oct. 3 1913	Juvenile Books	1,115.16	.....	35.16	35.16	.....
Bancroft-Day Fund	Lura Bancroft Day	July 28 1914		5,400.83	.....	169.95	169.95	.....
Bancroft-Day Fund	Ruth Day Williams	July 1 1926	Decided by Trustees	22,761.08	94.29	717.45	185.45	626.29
Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft Fund	Lura Bancroft Day	Oct. 28 1914		20,004.36	.....	630.22	144.09	486.13
Frances E. Colburn Fund	Frances E. Colburn	Jan. 16 1916		10,031.94	.....	316.01	316.01	.....
Ann M., Lilla B., and Lura B. Bancroft Fund	Anna M. Bancroft	Oct. 22 1943		10,000.00	.....	314.88	314.88	.....
Beatrice Robinson Billings Fund	Harry A. Billings	Oct. 3 1951	Books	.....	.....	200.00	200.00	.....
				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals				71,543.69	94.29	2,453.99	1,435.86	1,112.42

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Librarian respectfully submits the sixty-eighth annual report.

The year 1953 has shown a steady increase in circulation in the adult and juvenile departments. This is the case in spite of numerous interruptions in regular service due to the illness of the assistant librarian.

Friends of the Library have read 85 books of fiction evaluating them as to their usefulness for general circulation.

Parents and schoolteachers have cooperated splendidly with the Children's Department making use of the unusually fine collection of juvenile literature. Many new young readers have been enrolled and the circulation is gratifyingly large. Some of the younger grades have visited the library with their teacher to become better acquainted with its facilities. The freshman class of the High School came for library instruction in the fall.

Special thanks are due our library friend and neighbor, Mrs. Ira Noyes, for her help in making the story hours attractive with her picture-story equipment.

At the Branch in South Hopedale, Mrs. Jones has continued her good work as librarian, providing an important and growing residential section of town with reading matter.

Valuable gifts from the great-granddaughter of Reverend Adin Ballou include the Ballou family Bible, portraits in oil of Reverend Ballou and his wife Lucy, and an oil painting of the "Old House," the Community home of Hopedale's first settlers.

Near the close of the year the librarian regretfully ended her years of service due to compulsory retirement age. It is a pleasure to know that the work is being carried on in the effiicient hands of the new librarian, Mrs. Irene Ferguson, with her assistant, Mrs. Marjorie Hattersley, in charge of the juniors.

To the Trustees who have given understanding attention to the needs of the library and to the welfare of its staff, the librarian and those who use the library owe sincere gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

RACHEL C. DAY

STATISTICS FOR THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Printed at the request of the A. L. A. Committee on Library

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1953

Name of library ..... The Bancroft Memorial Library
City or town ..... Hopedale, Massachusetts
Population served (town census 1953) 3,733
Terms of use ..... Free for lending or reference
Total number of agencies ..... Central library and one branch
Number of days open during the year (Central library) 279
Hours for lending (Central library) ..... 30 per week

	Adult	*Juvenile*	*Total*
Number of volumes at beginning of year	17,020	3,202	20,222
Number of volumes added in 1953	236	169	405
Number of volumes withdrawn in 1953	456	51	507
Number at end of year	16,800	3,320	20,120

	Adult	*Juvenile*	*Total*
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use, Main Library	7,108	5,798	12,906
Number of volumes of non-fiction lent for home use, Main Library	3,253	2,367	5,620
Total number of volumes lent for home use, Main Library	10,361	8,165	18,526
Total number of volumes circulated, Branch	1,574	540	2,114
Grand total, Main and Branch	11,435	8,705	20,640

Prints, Music rolls ..... None in library
Music circulation ..... Books entirely
Number of borrowers registered in 1953 ..... 104 at Main Library, 15 at Branch
Registration period ..... during life or residence
Number of newspapers, periodicals currently received 81 at Main Library, and 8 at Branch
Number of persons using reading and reference rooms 1,336

	1952	1953
Total circulation at Main Library and Branch	19,848	20,640
Main Library:		
Days open	272	279
Circulation	17,225	18,526
Average daily circulation	63	67
Largest daily circulation	208	201
Smallest daily circulation	10	6
Percent of circulation, non-fiction	31	30
Percent of circulation, juvenile	70	44
Total number of visitors to reading room	1,422	1,336
Total number of visitors to children's room	3,570	4,329
Card holders, total number	1,888	1,819
Card holders registered	87	104
Cards withdrawn	123	173
Volumes added during the year:		
By purchase from funds	351	161
By gifts, individual	38	26
By binding	8	3
Volumes replacing discarded copies	50	9
Volumes withdrawn	263	507
Volumes bound	63	54
South Hopedale Branch:		
Days library open	49	49
Circulation	2,623	2,114
Average weekly circulation	51	45
Percent of circulation, non-fiction	33	35
Percent of circulation, current magazines	20	15
Percent of circulation, juvenile	25	30
Card holders	80	79
Fines and collections paid to Town Treasurer		
Alfred A. Lovejoy, Jr.	$132.30	$117.51

STATISTICS FOR AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Payments for		*Receipts from*	
Books	$816.09	Appropriations	$6,500.00
Periodicals	256.28	Endowment funds	2,548.28
Binding	82.39	Dog Tax	571.69
Salaries, library service and janitor service	6,244.90		
Heat	400.00		
Light	241.46		
Other Maintenance	466.43		
	$8,507.55		
Balance Endow. Funds	1,112.42		
	$9,619.97		$9,619.97

GENERAL DRAPER FUND

Balance on hand December 31, 1953, Milford Savings Bank Book No. 22,549 ..... $28.88

GIFTS

	Vol.	Pam.	Per
Allen, Mr. Alfred	4		
Alliance, Hopedale, Unitarian			1 yr.
Ammen, Mrs. Irvin G.	9		
British Tourist and Holidays Board			1 yr.
Chase, Mr. William H.	9		
Christian Science Church, Milford			2 yrs.
Elks, Order of			1 yr.
Draper Corporation			2 yrs.
Ferguson, Mrs. William	1		
Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.	1		
Ford Company	1		
Gaskill, Mrs. Millard	13		
Grange, Local			1 yr.
Hopedale Park Commissioners			2 yrs.
Hopedale, Town of	1		
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of		25	
Merrill, Mr. Charles F.	1		
Milford Daily News			1 yr.
Newell, Mr. Marshall	1		
Rosary Sodality, Sacred Heart Church, Hopedale			1 yr.
Smith, Mrs. George	46		
Steinway and Sons	1		
United States Government		60	

To Mr. Harry A. Billings we are again indebted for the very generous fund given by him in memory of his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Billings. The fund provides for our Children's room many wonderful books which are greatly appreciated.

GROWTH, SIZE AND USE OF LIBRARY, 1953

		Volumes Added	Volumes Withdrawn	Total Vol. in Library at end of 1953	Vol. Cir. Hopedale & So. Hopedale
Fiction	164	148	5,726	7,108	848
Juvenile Fiction	129	28	2,334	5,798	396
Juvenile Non-fiction	40	23	986	2,367	244
Periodicals	....	....	1,694	1,219	442
Pamphlets	....	....	....	17	....
General	2	1	99	1	....
Philosophy	1	7	243	74	4
Religion	6	4	362	39	11
Sociology	1	21	680	77	4
Philology	....	1	52	....	....
Natural Science	2	11	364	94	8
Useful Arts	7	17	860	189	31
Fine Arts	4	9	515	213	11
Literature	13	17	1,444	274	19
Foreign Languages	....	....	181	9	2
Travel	12	12	1,062	495	36
Biography	11	25	1,330	289	27
History	5	180	1,129	263	31
Reference	8	3	978	....	....
Curiosities	....	....	81	....	....
	405	507	20,120	18,526	2,114

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